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FERTILITY ON ICE

Why Indian women are freezing their eggs

More urban women are freezing their eggs, often in their mid-30s, and not settling for a partner just because they want a baby

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Khalistani terrorist, wanted under UAPA, killed in Pakistan

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Charles III crowned in regal ceremony

From Rishi Sunak's Bible reading to a Black gospel choir and female bishops, the traditional event held unmistakeable signs of modernity

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Ancient tradition met modernity on Saturday, when Britain's King Charles III was crowned at Westminster Abbey in a two-hour ceremony that was watched by millions of Britons and many more across the world.

The constitutional monarch formally ascended the throne at the age of 74, as titular head of the U.K. and 14 former commonwealth countries.

Charles's ascension to the throne is in sharp contrast to his mother's. Queen Elizabeth II became queen in 1953 at the age of 25, as countries of the former British Empire were freeing themselves from their colonial past, and Britain occupied a more central role in the world.

Some 70 years later, on a characteristically wet and overcast English spring morning, the king, looking solemn as he travelled with the Queen Consort, Camilla, in a coach drawn by six 'Windsor Greys', arrived at a packed Abbey – which saw its first coronation in 1066.

In attendance were his extended family, friends, those involved with volunteering (one of the king's pet causes), as well as heads of state and government.

India was represented at the weekend's events by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar and wife Sudesh Dhankhar.

Royal ride: King Charles III and Queen Camilla travelling in the Gold State Coach to Buckingham Palace after the coronation. GETTY IMAGES

French President Emmanuel Macron and First Lady Brigitte Macron, and U.S. First Lady Jill Biden, Prime Ministers of Commonwealth "realms", of which the British monarch is the head of state, also attended Saturday's coronation. Notably, the King's younger son, Prince Harry, who recently had a falling-out with his family over allegations about their treatment of his wife Meghan Markle, and the publication of his memoirs, had flown in from California to attend the coronation.

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PM holds roadshow amid much fanfare

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the roadshow near Ramakrishna Ashram Circle in Bengaluru. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took out a 26-km-long roadshow in the city on Saturday ahead of Assembly polls on May 10. There will be one more on Sunday, though for a shorter distance.

The roadshow that began from Someshwara Sabha Bhavan, Konanakunte, in Bommanahalli constituency concluded at Kadu Malleshwara Temple, in Malleswaram passing through 13 constituencies.

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Manipur CM holds multi-party meet to resolve unrest

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh held a multi-party meeting on May 6 evening for collectively working toward bringing peace and stability even as the State was verifying the deaths of 18 to 20 people in the ethnic violence in parts of Manipur since May 3.

The unofficial toll, based on the body count in three major hospitals, is more than 50. The armed forces have so far rescued over 25,000 people from conflict zones.

Apart from the all-party meet, the Manipur CM held separate meetings with representatives of the All Manipur Christian Organisation (AMCO) and the Coordination Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), an influential Meitei community-based organisation, to highlight the crucial role of civil society groups in ensuring peace.

"Held an all-political party meeting... During the meeting, it was resolved to appeal for peace in the State, and encourage all citizens to avoid any actions that could lead to further violence or instability," Mr. Singh tweeted.

PEACE PANELS
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1.34 lakh students from State to take NEET today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG) 2023, which is the gateway for medical courses, will be held on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5.20 p.m.

A total of 1,34,379 students from Karnataka will attempt the examination. An additional 14,753 students have registered for the exam this year as compared with the previous year.

This year, 20,87,445 students have registered across India.

NEARBY

Power has made BJP government arrogant: Sonia

BELAGAVI
In her first public rally in poll-bound Karnataka, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi said in Hubballi on Saturday that power had made the BJP government arrogant and made it not accountable to the people. » Page 6

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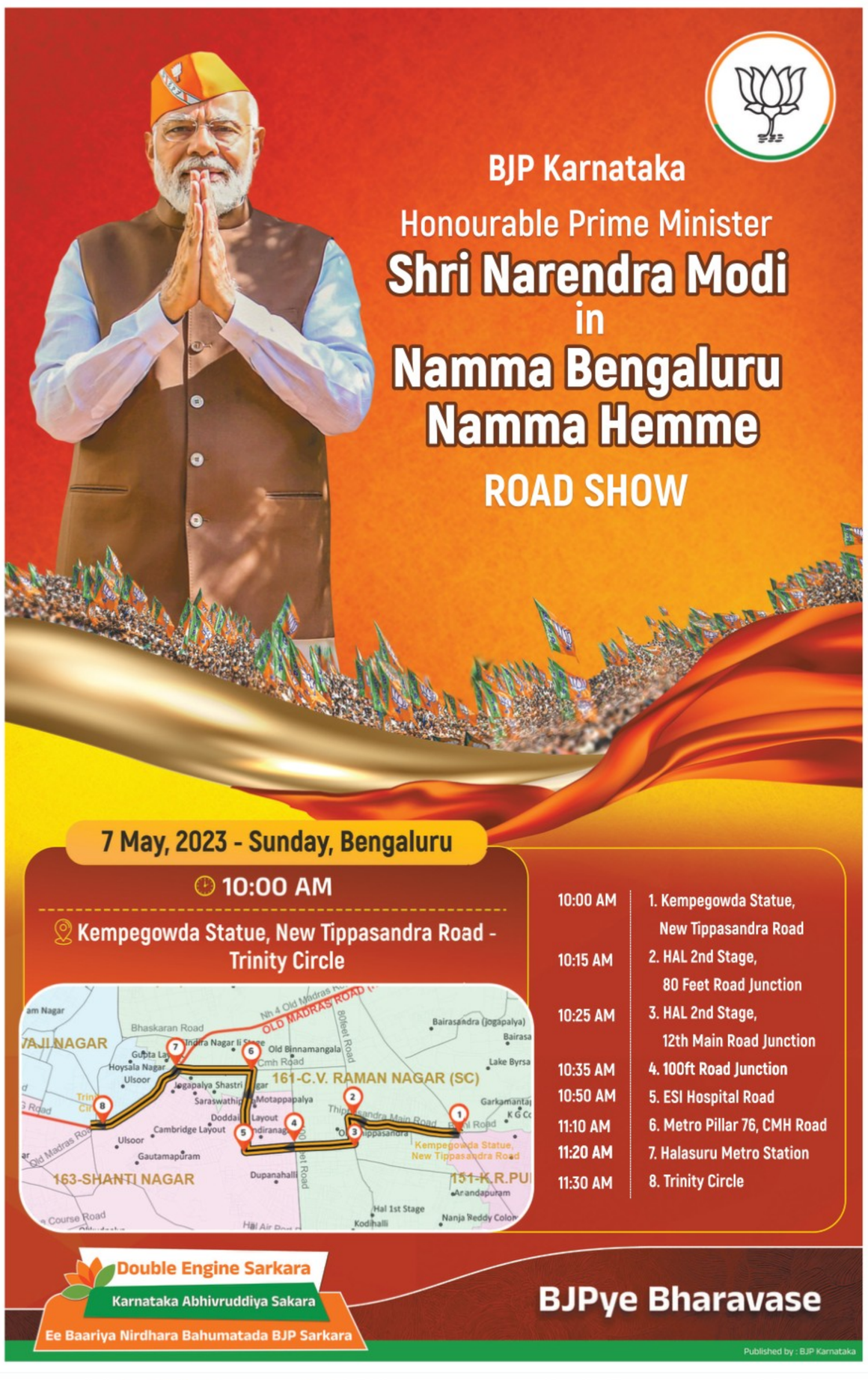
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10:15 AM 2. HAL 2nd Stage, 80 Feet Road Junction
10:25 AM 3. HAL 2nd Stage, 12th Main Road Junction
10:35 AM 4. 100ft Road Junction
10:50 AM 5. ESI Hospital Road
11:10 AM 6. Metro Pillar 76, CMH Road
11:20 AM 7. Halasuru Metro Station
11:30 AM 8. Trinity Circle
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Early start: Drill constitutes a key component in military training, inculcating a sense of discipline among soldiers. A drill instructor aims for perfection among his cadets, even as the rising sun fills the Parameswaran Drill Square inside the Officers Training Academy in Chennai.

Roll of honour

For the first time in the history of the Army, women from the Officers Training Academy will be inducted into the artillery arm

B. Jothi Ramalingam
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Last month, five lady cadets, who completed their training in the prestigious Officers Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai, made history by getting inducted into the Army's Regiment of Artillery. Though women have been commissioned as officers into supporting arms of the Army since 1992, this is the first time they are entering into the Artillery, a fighting arm.

In January this year, Army chief General Manoj Pande formally announced that the Army has decided to commission women officers into the artillery arm and that a proposal was sent to the Union government in this regard. Elaborating on the decision, General Pande said it was "significant" and that women in the Army have been performing "exceedingly well".

Having been commissioned as officers into the Artillery, these young women are expected to join their respective units that handle Bofor, Dhanush and M-777 howitzers, K-9 Vajra self-propelled guns and others.

The OTA in Chennai has been admitting lady cadets for training along with gentlemen cadets since the early 1990s by imparting military knowledge and leadership skills. Hundreds of young women from remote corners of the country, who wish to be part of the Army and serve the country hand in hand with men, aspire to join the OTA. This time, 121 gentlemen cadets and 36 lady cadets completed their training and were commissioned as officers into various arms and services of the Army.

Text by Dennis S. Jesudasan

Leadership skills: A lady cadet commands her contingent during practice.

In tandem: Lady and gentlemen cadets train together under the watchful eye of their instructors.

Theory time: A tutor instructs his cadets on their daily lessons.

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AYYAVAZHI-NADAR Age 23 / 170cm Viruchigam, Advocate Well Settled Kanyakumari Dis only. Ph:9840075922

HINDU DKV Pallan Age 41/167cm Manager Nationalised Bank, Salary 14 Lakhs PA. Seeks Suitable Bride. Ct: 99652 11259

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HINDU NADAR MBA IAM, 27yrs, 170cm, Income 200000, Seeks Suitable Bride. KA Raman Nadar 9380791999

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TAMIL

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HINDU MUDALIYAR
AGE : 26 , B.E , OWN BUSINESS ,WELL SETTLED RICH , WELL TO DO SEEKS SUITABLE BRIDE
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TELUGU

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KSHATRIYA RAJU Groom, MD Radiology, Age 29. Same community Bride with PG preferred. Contact: 9500198706

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WANTED A Telugu Speaking Fair, Tall Qualified Balija/ Naidu/ Kamma/ Kamma Naidu Bride with B.E. Or Similar Professional Qualification, Willing to locate to USA, for a Brilliant Balija Bridegroom, 1995 Born, Fair, Good Build (HT.5-10), Mithuna Rasi, Arudra Nakshathram, B.E., M.S. (USA) Presently Settled in USA, Working as a Senior Software Engineer for an MNC (VM WARE) Now in Seattle, With Good Earnings. Only son of his Parents who are settled in Bangalore. Contact: e-mail Id: bhaskarsrjgroup@gmail.com.

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SAIVA PILLAI, 33, 173 cms, Working Professional, MS. Lives in Singapore. Father is a working professional. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for a like minded match. Contact: 6366448344

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TAMIL

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Telugu Bestha Naidu Bride age 31 years Height 163 permanent job as Assistant Professor working in Delhi from well to do family seeks suitable Bridegroom from decent family. CASTE NO BAR send Bio-data with photo to her father's WhatsApp No.9440109317 / 9391031354.

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NRI

NAIDU 28/180, Pooratathi, BTech MS Working & PR of Sweden. Bride willing to go abroad CT

Kannada film director arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) police investigating the case of threat letters to film actor Kiccha Sudeep, arrested a Sandalwood director on Saturday, and released him on station bail.

The director was identified as Ramesh Kitty, a friend of Sudeep and president of Sudeep Charitable Trust. Sudeep's manager Manjunath had filed a complaint with the Puttenahalli police about two threatening letters posted to Sudeep's residence. Preliminary probe revealed that Kitty had sent anonymous letters and threatened Sudeep over a financial row. A senior officer said that Sudeep started the charitable trust along with his friends and fans. Kitty was president. Kitty is said to have invested around ₹2 crore in the trust. Sudeep allegedly used the money without the president's or other members' consent. This led to a dispute between Sudeep and Kitty, following which Kitty quit Sudeep's trust.

He had sent posts to Sudeep's house on March 10, threatening to leak private videos of Sudeep. Manjunath had filed a complaint on March 29, and the case was transferred to CCB, who, after detailed probe, zeroed in on Kitty.

Bus services to be curtailed on May 9, 10

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Road Transport Corporations in Karnataka have cautioned the general public that on May 9 and 10, they are curtailing the number of services to provide buses for election duty. In a press release, KSRTC stated that a substantial number of buses will be provided to district administrations and police departments. BMTC also has requested the general public to cooperate.

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The seven-time MLA and four-time Minister expresses confidence that Congress will win the Assembly elections in Karnataka and form the government on its own

INTERVIEW

Ramalinga Reddy

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Ramalinga Reddy, Congress MLA. FILE PHOTO

Ramalinga Reddy, one of Bengaluru city's senior Congress leaders, seven-time MLA and four-time Minister, is considered the "face of the Congress" in the city. He has served in the ministries of M. Veerappa Moily, S.M. Krishna, N. Dharam Singh, and Siddaramaiah. Mr. Reddy, in an interview to *The Hindu*, expressed confidence that Congress will win in Karnataka to form the government on its own.

As a senior Congress MLA from Bengaluru, what is your assessment of the performance of the party this time?

We are confident that all incumbent MLAs (15) of Congress will win the election this time too. Apart from this, we can get another three to four seats in Bengaluru. Our party workers have been working hard at the grassroots level, because of which, Congress candidates will win with more margin compared to both 2013 and 2018. Bengaluru is a cosmopolitan city, and BJP's caste, religion, politics and money will not work here. All this will help our party to win.

BBMP elections were not conducted, and there are no councillors. How different will this poll be because of that?

Yes, this election will be different without elected councillors in the city. The BBMP should have had an elected body, but you know that the BJP was not at all ready to conduct it. However, councillors have a major role to play in Assembly elections and continue to contribute to the election work of their respective parties.

Congress manifesto has received flak for taking the flyover route again. The manifesto proposes a network of flyovers crisscrossing the city and a network of tunnel roads in the Central Business District, both projects mooted and severely opposed during Siddaramaiah's tenure.

From the time of S.M. Krishna, our party has given various infrastructure boosts to the city. That is why the IT-BT boom is in the city today. During Siddaramaiah's government, infrastructure projects such as the Smart City project, TenderSure, whitetopping, Indira Canteens and other projects were started. Any flyover with a scientific approach should be constructed, and our party is for that. We will take expert advice before going ahead with any infrastructure projects.

What do you think about Congress performance in State?

Till last month, we were expecting to win 100 seats only in the State. But after the leadership vacuum created in the BJP – for instance, Jagadish Shettar left the party, and B.S. Yediyurappa has been sidelined – all this has led to the unhappiness of Lingayats and other communities. Besides this, CM Basavaraj Bommai is in the most significant position in the party, but he is not a crowd-puller. All this will help Congress, and we are confident we will win this election with a majority.

So, does it mean Lingayat voters will come to Congress now?

Yes, we always had the support of Lingayats. Traditional Lingayat voters will shift to Congress.

Do you think Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's statement on PM Modi and the Bajrang Dal row will impact the party?

No, this will not have any impact. Bajrang Dal is not Lord Hanuman; people are not foolish to believe BJP's communal stories.

Are you in the race to become the CM?

Already, we have two or three contenders in the party. I have no ambition of becoming the CM.

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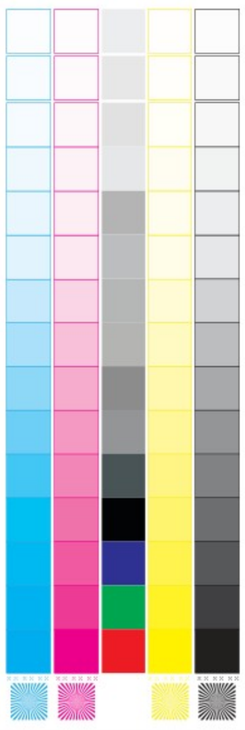

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Our client intends to purchase the immovable Property which is more fully described in the schedule here in below for valuable consideration from its original owner **Mr. Vinyas Gowda P U,** that if any person has any right title or right to claim over the schedule property they may come forward with the original documents and provide the manner of right, title in writing with the under sign, within **15 days** from today, on failure of any such objection/claim being received our client shall proceed with intended sale transaction and shall be deemed that no one has any right to claim over the schedule property right that may exist is waived off.

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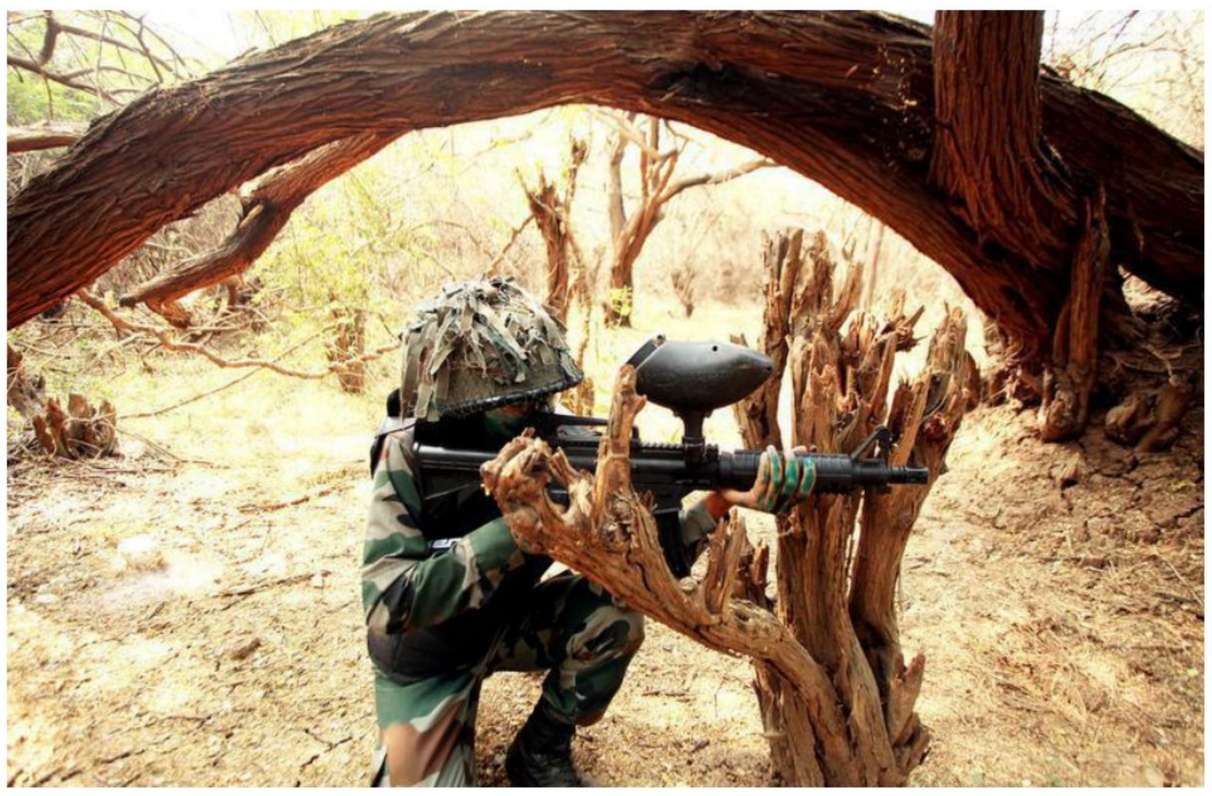

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Modi roadshow halts traffic in parts of south and west Bengaluru

At many places, commuters were seen arguing with traffic policemen over roads being blocked for hours. At one of the junctions in Jayanagar, motorists took to honking continuously in protest. Some areas wore a deserted look, as even buses were few and far between

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 26-km south-to-west roadshow of Prime Minister Narendra Modi affected traffic in the city on Saturday, and earned some brickbats from the city's residents. However, the BJP termed the criticisms an "opposition ploy" since they "are scared of Mr. Modi".

Many office establishments work on Saturday, and employees had to endure hardship to reach their destinations, with traffic police blocking streets for the roadshow.

In many places, commuters were seen arguing with traffic policemen over roads being blocked for hours. At one of the junctions in Jayanagar, commuters took to honking continuously to protest roads being blocked. The roadshow was expected to conclude by 12:30 p.m. but went on till over 1:00 p.m. Many also objected to roads being blocked much before the Prime Minister arrived at the junction.

Commuters stuck as key roads were closed ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi roadshow near Ramakrishna Ashram circle in Bengaluru on Saturday. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

"I went to drop my son at the metro station, and is now stuck behind barricades. Let the Prime Minister hold rallies in National College Grounds or Freedom Park. Why do a roadshow, and inconvenience us?" asked Sampath Kumar, a resident of Hanumanth Nagar.

"Mr. Modi is visiting our streets, so they have blockaded all our apartments, all the shops are closed, no autos, no buses, no vehicles on the road ... just think of the financial losses," tweeted Karthik Seshan. Many other services, like food delivery, was also disrupted due to the roadshow.

Roads deserted

Many areas of Bengaluru wore a deserted look on Saturday, as even the buses were few and far between in many parts of the city.

Traffic restrictions

Roads and junctions to be avoided from 8 a.m. to 12 noon today

- Raj Bhavan Road
- Race Course Road
- Mehkri Circle
- Old Airport Road
- Suranjan Das Road
- M.G. Road
- Brigade Road
- T. Chowdiah Road
- Ramana Maharshi Road
- New Thippasandra Road
- New Thippasandra Market
- BEML Junction
- J.B. Nagar Main Road
- Jagadeeshnagar Cross
- 80 feet Road Indiranagar
- 12th Main Road, 100 feet Road, Indiranagar
- CMH Road
- 17th F Cross, Adarsha Junction
- Halasuru Metro Station

"I had an interview at the city centre today, and I left pretty early to catch a bus. But I waited for over an hour, and there was not even a single bus, and thus, I had to call the company and reschedule my interview for next week," said Jagadish M., a resident of Ramagondanahalli.

As most roads in South and West Bengaluru were blocked, many took the metro on Saturday. While no additional trains were run, most metro trains were packed.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh and Indian Youth Congress, Karnataka, tweeted a video of an ambulance stuck in a traffic jam near J.P. Nagar Metro Station. Janata Dal (Secular) tweeted videos of irate commuters criticising the roadshow and said, "One who did not come to the State when they were in trouble has now come to show off during elections."

Leader of opposition Siddaramaiah said in a tweet that he was trying to go to Gangavathi, but the police denied him permission.

From Page One

PM holds roadshow amid much fanfare

The Prime Minister wore a 'Mysuru Peta' he was felicitated with and later wore a BJP cap, and greeted thousands of people who had gathered on either side of the roads along the roadshow route, where several folk art teams and women welcomed him with traditional dance performances.

BJP leaders claimed that nearly 10 lakh people had gathered to catch a glimpse of the Prime Minister. Several residents of the areas along the route had been waiting on either side of the streets behind the barricades from early morning itself.

As BJP workers showered flowers on him, Mr. Modi was seen waving at the crowds, greeting them as the vehicle passed through. BJP sources said they had organised over 40 tonnes of flowers to be showered along the Prime Minister's roadshow route on Saturday. Mr. Modi was accompanied by Bengaluru MPs Tejasvi Surya and P. C. Mohan.

Bajrang Bali chants

The BJP had organised loudspeakers along the route from which Mr. Modi raising slogans of "Bharat Mataki Jai" and "Jai Bajrang Bali" were played. Several BJP workers and supporters had come dressed up as or wearing masks of Lord Hanuman, in what they said was "an act of protest against the Congress manifesto's promise to ban Bajrang Dal if they came to power."

Modi tweets

Mr. Modi later tweeted: "If only words could describe what I just saw in Bengaluru! I bow to the people of this vibrant city for showering me with affection that I will cherish for my entire life...It is clear Bengaluru wants BJP. This city believes that our party will continue delivering on good governance and development."

Traffic congestion on roads connecting Ballari Road and ORR still a concern for Hebbal residents

KEY CONSTITUENCY

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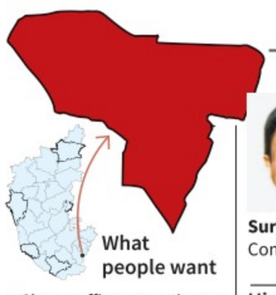
Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, former Union Minister Veerappa Moily and many other high-profile politicians are the residents of the Hebbal Assembly constituency.

The constituency, which is located on either side of Ballari Road, has many old residential layouts developed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA). Traffic congestion on the roads connecting Ballari Road and Outer Ring Road (ORR) has remained a concern for years for the residents.



Hebbal Assembly Constituency

What people want

- Clear traffic congestion on Bellary Road, and Hebbal flyover junction
- More government-run education institutions above 10th standard
- Superspeciality government hospitals
- Indoor stadium

Main candidates

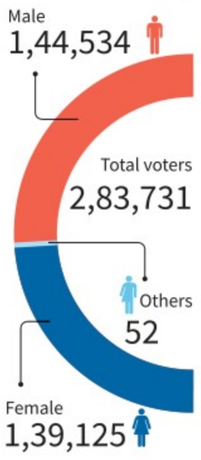
Suresh B.S. Congress

Jagadeesh Katta BJP

Syed Mohid Altaf JD(S)

History of the seat

- Katta Subramanya Naidu of BJP was elected in 2008
- In 2013, BJP candidate R. Jagadeesh Kumar won
- In 2016, by-polls were conducted after the death of Jagadeesh Kumar. Y.A. Narayanswamy of BJP was elected.
- Congress candidate Suresh B.S was elected in 2018 elections



Past results

	Winner	Votes polled Vote share	Runner-up Vote share	Votes polled	Third place	Votes polled Vote share
2013	R. Jagadeesh Kumar BJP	38,162 33.03%	C.K. Abdul Rehman Sharief Congress	33,026 28.58%	Abdul Azeem JD(S)	25,073 21.7%
2018	Suresh B.S. Congress	74,453 50.76%	Y.A. Narayanswamy BJP	53,313 36.34%	Hanumanthe Gowda JD(S)	14,092 9.61%

Traffic issue

In the past, the State governments, cutting across party lines, proposed many projects to ease the traffic on Ballari Road that connects Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) but failed to implement them same.

It has been years, but there is no sign of the completing rebuilding of Jayamahal Road that links Ballari Road. Hebbal is a constituency in the city which does not have metro connectivity, and residents are relying on city buses operated by the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC).

In 2008, Katta Subramanya Naidu from BJP was elected from the constituency and in 2013, the BJP fielded R. Jagadeesh Kumar, and he too was elected. However, the untimely death of Jagadeesh Kumar in 2015 resulted in the constituency going for by-polls.

The BJP fielded Y.A. Narayanaswamy, and he won the by-polls conducted in 2016. However, in the 2018 elections, Mr. Narayanswamy was defeated by Congress candidate Suresh B.S., a close aide of Congress leader Siddaramaiah. This time, the party has again fielded Mr. Suresh. The BJP has given tickets to Jagadeesh Katta K.S., son of former minister Katta Subramanya Naidu.

The JD(S), which has a history of changing candidates in the past three elections, has fielded Syed Mohid Altaf. Manjunatha Naidu is the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate.

Incumbent MLA Mr. Suresh is confident of winning elections.

"Many infrastructure projects were implemented during my tenure as an MLA. In addition to the government funds, I have spent money from my pockets for the welfare of the residents. I am confident of winning the elections this time. The promises made by the Congress manifesto will also be a factor in winning elections this time. The BJP has fielded a candidate who is facing multiple criminal charges and voters are well aware of that."

Mr. Katta is banking on "works" done by his father during his tenure.

Problems

AAP candidate Manjunath Naidu said, "In many areas of the constituency, the drainage system is not working, and poor drinking water supply is an issue. During our interaction with the youth, they expressed concern about not getting good jobs. There are no skill development centres. If I get elected, I will work for the betterment of youth and residents."

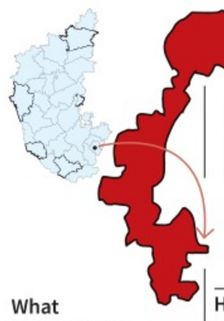
Confidence

JD(S) candidate Syed Mohid Altaf said, "There is a disparity in developments carried out in the last five years. Areas, where minorities and SC/ST people live have been thoroughly ignored.

When it rains, low-lying areas get flooded due to poor drainage work. There is a misappropriation of funds provided for development works. In the absence of government-run education institutions, parents are paying hefty fees to private institutions. People are fed up with both Congress and BJP. I am confident that they will elect me as their MLA."

A total of 14 candidates are in the fray.

Will Munirathna dodge controversies to register another win in R.R. Nagar?



Rajarajeshwarinagar Assembly Constituency

What people want

- Regular supply of drinking water
- Proper feeder services to metro stations
- Better regulation of traffic
- Solution to flooding of low-lying areas

Main candidates

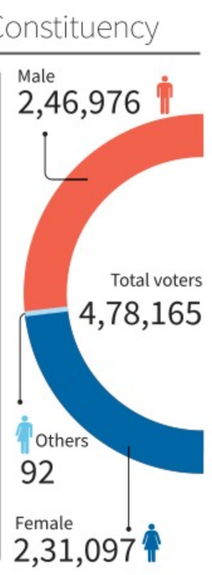
Kusuma H. Congress

Munirathna BJP

V. Narayana Swamy JD(S)

History of the seat

- In 2008, M. Srinivas from BJP represented the constituency
- Incumbent MLA Munirathna was elected from the constituency in 2013 and 2018 on Congress ticket
- Munirathna was among the 17 MLAs of Congress and JD(S) who shifted loyalty to BJP and resigned from the MLA's post
- After joining BJP, he contested from BJP ticket and won by-polls in 2020 by defeating Congress candidate Kusuma H.



Past results

	Winner	Votes polled Vote share	Runner-up Vote share	Votes polled	Third place	Votes polled Vote share
2013	Munirathna Congress	71,064 37.4%	K.C.R. Thimmananjaiah JD(S)	52,251 27.5%	M.Srinivas BJP	50,726 26.7%
2018	Munirathna Congress	1,08,065 42.14%	Muniraju Gowda BJP	82,573 32.2%	G.H. Ramachandra JD(S)	60,360 23.54%

KEY CONSTITUENCY

Karnataka Votes 2023

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

With a whopping 4.78 lakh voters, the Rajarajeshwarinagar (R.R. Nagar) Assembly constituency is one among those in the city that has the highest number of voters.

In the last two elections (2013 and 2018), the incumbent MLA and Minister in the State cabinet, Munirathna won as a candidate from the Congress. However, in 2019, Munirathna shifted his loyalty to BJP with 16 other MLAs of Congress and JD(S), resulting in the fall of the H.D. Kumaraswamy-led JD(S) and Congress coalition government.

In 2020, the constituency went for byelections. Munirathna, who contested on the BJP ticket, defeated Kusuma H. of the Congress with a margin of over 50,000 votes. Subsequently, in 2021 he became a Minister in the cabinet of the Basavaraj Bommai government.

Munirathna, a film producer-turned-politician, was embroiled in several controversies in the past. In 2018, police filed an FIR against him and several others following the seizures of thousands of voter IDs in the apartment.

The BJP had accused him of derailing free and fair elections. The incident also forced the Election Commission to defer the elections. In the elections, Munirathna defeated Muniraju Gowda of the BJP.

Last year, the Karnataka State Contractors Association had levelled corruption charges against him, dismissing which the minister had filed a defamation case against the office bearers of the association. Recently, police filed an FIR against him for alleged hate speech.

Strong contender

In this election, Congress has again fielded Kusuma against Munirathna. JD(S) has fielded Dr. V. Narayanaswamy.

It is said that D.K. Shivakumar and D.K. Suresh have taken this election as a prestige battle and want to teach a lesson to Munirathna for defecting from the party and playing a role in the collapse of the coalition government. On the other hand, Munirathna has downplayed the candidature of Kusuma and said that his close contender in these elections is from JD(S) and not the Congress.

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Residents of the constituency say that over the years, impetus has been given to improve the road infrastructure in the areas coming under the constituency.

However, issues such as poor drainage systems in low-lying areas, traffic congestion on inner roads connecting major roads, irregular supply of drinking water, garbage collection remain concerns.

Congress files complaint against Modi for linking party to terrorism

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress on Saturday filed a complaint with the police against Prime Minister Narendra Modi for allegedly saying the "Congress has shielded terrorism for its vote bank" at a public rally in Ballari on Friday.

Seeks action

In the complaint to the High Grounds police in Bengaluru, Congress leaders such as Dinesh Gundu Rao, Ramalinga Reddy, and Pawan Khera sought action against Mr. Modi for committing serious offences punishable under the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Modi's speech

During his speech in Ballari seeking votes for the BJP ahead of the May 10 Karnataka Legislative Assembly elections, Mr. Modi said, "Look at the unfortunate situation in the country where the Congress is seen standing with this trend of terrorism that destroys societies. Not just this, the Congress is also taking part in backdoor political negotiations with those who are linked to this trend of terrorism," the party leaders alleged in their complaint.

"Mr. Modi made completely unprecedented and malicious allegations, far worse than any ever made by a sitting Prime Minister in the history of India," they alleged.

Misleading voters

Mr. Modi has not only tried to mislead the voters by making false and unverified allegations against the Congress but also accused the party, which led India's struggle for freedom, of supporting terrorists and terrorism, the leaders said in the complaint.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, MAY. 07	
RISE 05:57	SET 18:36
RISE 20:19	SET 07:00
MONDAY, MAY. 08	
RISE 05:57	SET 18:36
RISE 21:23	SET 07:55
TUESDAY, MAY. 09	
RISE 05:56	SET 18:36
RISE 22:26	SET 08:55

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	33	25
Mysuru	32	22
Bengaluru	29	22

Bengaluru Today
30°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower with gusty winds to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be pleasant with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm and humid. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

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Nexus Select Trust

(Registered in the Republic of India as contributory, determinate and irrevocable trust on August 10, 2022 at Mumbai, Maharashtra, India under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 and as a real estate investment trust on September 15, 2022 under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014, as amended, having registration number IN/REIT/22-23/0004

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TRUSTEE	SPONSOR	MANAGER
Axis Trustee Services Limited	Wynford Investments Limited	Nexus Select Mall Management Private Limited

Initial public offering of up to [●] Units (as defined herein) for cash at a price of ₹[●] per Unit aggregating up to ₹32,000.00 million by Nexus Select Trust comprising of a fresh issuance of up to [●] Units aggregating up to ₹14,000.00 million (the "Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of up to [●] Units by the Selling Unitholders aggregating up to ₹18,000.00 million (the "Offer for Sale" and together with the Fresh Issue, the "Offer").

Institutional Investor Portion : Not more than 75% of the Offer **Non-Institutional Investor Portion: Not less than 25% of the Offer**

Price Band: ₹ 95 to ₹ 100 per Unit
Bids can be made for a minimum of 150 Units and in multiples of 150 Units thereafter by Bidders other than Anchor Investors.

Risks to Investors:

1. **The Nexus Select Trust does not provide any assurance or guarantee of any distributions to the Unitholders. The Nexus Select Trust may not be able to make distributions to Unitholders in the manner described in the Offer Document or at all, and the level of distributions may decrease.**
2. **The Nexus Select Trust has a limited operating history and may not be able to operate our business successfully, achieve our business objectives or generate sufficient cash flows to make or sustain distributions. Further, the Condensed Combined Financial Statements are prepared for the Offer Document and may not necessarily represent our consolidated financial position, results of operation and cash flows.**
3. **The Nexus Select Trust does not have any industry peers as on date of the Offer Document as there are no listed real estate investment trusts in the retail sector in India.***

* All existing listed real estate investment trusts in India operate primarily in the commercial office sector.

Credit Rating : Nexus Select Trust has been assigned a corporate credit rating of Provisional CRISIL AAA (Stable) by CRISIL and an issuer rating of Provisional [ICRA]AAA (Stable) by ICRA Limited.

BID/OFFER PROGRAM

ANCHOR INVESTOR BIDDING DATE : MONDAY, MAY 08, 2023*

BID/OFFER OPENS ON : TUESDAY, MAY 09, 2023*

BID/OFFER CLOSES ON : THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

** The Manager may, in consultation with the Lead Managers, consider participation by Anchor Investors in accordance with the REIT Regulations and the SEBI Guidelines. The Anchor Investor Bid/Offer Period shall be one Working Day prior to the Bid/Offer Opening Date*

*** The Manager may, in consultation with the Lead Managers, consider closing the Bid/Offer Period for Institutional Investors one Working Day prior to the Bid/Offer Closing Date in accordance with the SEBI Guidelines*

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In case of any revision to the Price Band, the Bid/Offer Period will be extended by at least one Working Day, and in case of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, for reasons to be recorded in writing, the Bid/Offer Period will be extended for a minimum period of three Working Days, subject to the total Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 30 days, provided that there shall not be more than two revisions to the Price Band during the Bid/Offer Period. Any revision to the Price Band and the revised Bid/Offer Period, if applicable, will be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges during the Bid/Offer Period and by indicating the change on the respective websites of the Nexus Select Trust, the Sponsor, the Manager and the Stock Exchanges. The Manager in consultation with the Lead Managers, may retain oversubscription in the Offer in accordance with the REIT Regulations and the SEBI Guidelines.

This Offer is being made through the Book Building Process and in compliance with the REIT Regulations and the SEBI Guidelines, wherein not more than 75% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Institutional Investors, provided that the Manager, in consultation with the Lead Managers, may allocate up to 60% of the Institutional Investor Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the REIT Regulations and the SEBI Guidelines. Further, not less than 25% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Investors, in accordance with the REIT Regulations and the SEBI Guidelines, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. For details, see *"Offer Information"* on page 546 of the Offer Document. Individual Non-Institutional Investors with a Bid Amount of ₹0.50 million or less may Bid using the UPI Mechanism. All Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are required to utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount (**"ASBA"**) process by providing details of their respective ASBA accounts and UPI ID (in case of individual Non-Institutional Investors using the UPI Mechanism Bidding with a Bid Amount of ₹ 0.50 million or less), in which case the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs or under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable to participate in the Offer. For details, see *"Offer Information"* on page 546 of the Offer Document.

Bidders should note that on the basis of Bidders' PAN, DP ID , UPI ID (for individual Non-Institutional Investors Bidding for a Bid Amount of ₹0.50 million or less using the UPI Mechanism) and Client ID provided by them in the Bid cum Application Form and as entered into the electronic bidding system of the Stock Exchanges by the Members of the Syndicate and the SCSBs as the case may be, the Registrar will obtain from the Depository the demographic details including the Bidders' address, occupation and bank account details including the nine-digit magnetic ink character recognition ("MICR") code as appearing on the cheque leaf ("Demographic Details"), from the Depository. The Demographic Details will be used for giving refunds and allocation advice (including through physical refund warrants, direct credit, NACH, NEFT and RTGS) to the Bidders. Hence, Bidders are advised to immediately update their bank account details, PAN and Demographic Details as appearing on the records of the Depository Participant and ensure that they are true and correct. Failure to do so could result in delays in dispatch/credit of refunds to Bidders at the Bidders sole risk and none of the Lead Managers, the Registrar, the Escrow Collection Banks, the Sponsor Bank, the SCSBs, the Manager or the Trustee will have any responsibility or undertake any liability for this. Accordingly, Bidders should carefully fill in their depository account details in the Bid cum Application Form.

By signing the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder is deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar, on request, the required Demographic Details as available in their records.

Bids with no corresponding record available with the Depositories matching the three parameters (namely, Bidders PAN (in case of joint Bids, PAN of First Bidder), the DP ID, the UPI ID (for individual Non-Institutional Investors Bidding for a Bid Amount of ₹0.50 million or less using the UPI Mechanism) and Client ID), are liable to be rejected.

Listing: Our Units are proposed to be listed on BSE Limited (**"BSE"**) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (**"NSE"**, together with BSE, the **"Stock Exchanges"**). The Nexus Select Trust has received in-principle approvals from the BSE and NSE for listing of our Units pursuant to letters dated December 20, 2022 and December 21, 2022, respectively. NSE is the Designated Stock Exchange for the Offer.

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APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED BY BLOCKED AMOUNT (ASBA): Investors other than Anchor Investors have to apply through the ASBA process. For details on the ASBA process, please refer to the details given in the ASBA Form and the Abridged Offer Document and also please refer to the section entitled *"Offer Information"* beginning on page 546 of the Offer Document. ASBA Forms can also be downloaded from the websites of the Stock Exchanges. ASBA form can be obtained from the list of banks that is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. ASBA Forms can be obtained from Members of the Syndicate, Registered Brokers from list provided on the websites of the BSE and the NSE at http://www.bseindia.com/Markets/PublicIssues/brokercentres_new.aspx?expandable=3 and http://www.nseindia.com/products/content/equities/ipos/ipo_mem_terminal.htm, respectively, RTAs and CDPs from the list provided on the websites of Stock Exchanges at http://www.bseindia.com/Static/Markets/PublicIssues/RtaDp.aspx?expandable=6 and https://www.nseindia.com/products-services/initial-public-offerings-asba-procedures, respectively.

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All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Offer Document.

On behalf of **Nexus Select Trust**

Sd/-
Charu Patki
Compliance Officer

Place : Mumbai
Date : May 5, 2023

Nexus Select Trust, acting through its Manager, is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial offer of its Units representing an undivided beneficial interest in Nexus Select Trust, and has filed the Offer Document with SEBI and the Stock Exchanges on April 28, 2023. The Offer Document is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, BSE at www.bseindia.com, NSE at www.nseindia.com as well as on the websites of the Book Running Lead Managers i.e. BofA Securities India Limited, Axis Capital Limited, Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited, IIFL Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited, J.P. Morgan India Private Limited, Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, Morgan Stanley India Company Private Limited, and SBI Capital Markets Limited at www.ml-india.com, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.online.citibank.co.in/rhtm/citigroupglobalscreen1.htm, www.business.hsbc.co.in/en-gb/in/generic/ipo-open-offer-and-buyback, www.iiflcap.com, www.jmfl.com, www.jpmipl.com, https://investmentbank.kotak.com, www.morganstanley.com and www.sbicaps.com, respectively. Potential investors should note that investment in the Units involves a degree of risk, and for details relating to the same, should refer to the section *"Risk Factors"* of the Offer Document.

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People of Karnataka are not waiting for anyone's blessing: Sonia Gandhi

They rely on their strength and hard work, she says at her first election rally in the State. She charges that BJP has institutionalised corruption and expects people to live with it

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

In her first public rally in poll-bound Karnataka, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi said in Hubballi on Saturday that power had made the BJP government arrogant and made it not accountable to the people.

Addressing a rally to campaign for party candidates in Hubballi-Dharwad and surrounding areas, Ms. Gandhi said BJP leaders had become insensitive and audacious. "The BJP government seems to think that constitutional agencies that are supposed to be independent, are in its pocket. Is that how you run a democracy?" she asked.

Exchanging pleasantries: The former AICC president Sonia Gandhi interacting with the former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar at a Congress rally in Hubballi on Saturday. KIRAN BAKALE

Greets Shettar

"It seems the BJP has institutionalised corruption and expects people to live with it. Some of them have made corruption a profession," she said. Before the rally, she greeted Jagadish Shettar, who recently joined the Congress after quitting the BJP.

"BJP leaders are intimidating people. They openly state that there would be riots if the BJP is defeated and that the people of Karnataka will not get Prime Minister Narendra Modi's blessing if their party is defeated," she said. "I want to tell them that the people of Karnataka should not be taken so lightly. The people are not waiting for someone's blessing. They rely on their strength and hard work. This is the land of Sri Basaveshwara and poet Kuvempu. The people here are guided by their ideologies. They are not afraid of anyone. They are confident of their internal strength. They will teach a lesson to the BJP."

Harking back to history

She invoked memories of the elections in Chikkamagaluru in which Indira Gandhi was elected and the one in Ballari where she defeated BJP's Sushma Swaraj. "The people of Chikkamagaluru lent a helping hand to Indira Gandhi when she was facing some political changes. And the people of Ballari supported me 24 years ago. We are forever grateful to the people of Karnataka," she said.

She congratulated Rahul Gandhi for leading the pan-India Bharat Jodo Yatra, which she said was aimed at ending hate and spreading love. "Our country will not develop till we end the politics of hate," she said. "I request you to vote for the Congress candidates across the State. Kindly do not sacrifice the interests of Karnataka for the interests of selfish BJP leaders."

AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge and other leaders, including Mr. Gandhi, spoke at the rally.

At a Congress campaign rally at Bhootaramanahatti village in Yamakanamaradi constituency in Belagavi district, Mr. Gandhi appealed to people to give the party full majority so that the BJP does not indulge in horse-trading of legislators.

"I request the voters of Karnataka to give the Congress a comfortable majority of 125 seats, as it will prevent horse-trading. Because if we get any lesser number of seats, the BJP will begin the game of buying legislators. And a government that comes to power after committing theft of MLAs, will indulge in nothing but theft," he said.

'Double-engine govt. concept is against the spirit of Constitution'

The outcome of the Karnataka Assembly elections will have an extraordinary impact on the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, says political activist Sudheendra Kulkarni

INTERVIEW

Sudheendra Kulkarni

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

Sudheendra Kulkarni is touring Karnataka as part of efforts to unite the Opposition ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. B.S. SATISH KUMAR

Political activist Sudheendra Kulkarni, who once worked closely with the former Prime Minister late A.B. Vajpayee and BJP stalwart L.K. Advani, is now a bitter critic of the BJP. He is touring Karnataka as part of efforts to unite the Opposition ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

In an interview with *The Hindu*, he sought to demolish the BJP's main plank of 'double-engine' government by arguing that it is opposed to the spirit of the Constitution that describes India as a union of States.

Excerpts from the interview:

How significant are these elections from the national point of view and what according to you are the main poll issues?

The ongoing elections are extremely important not only for the State, but also for the country. This election will have an extraordinary impact on the 2024 parliamentary polls.

Nationally, a picture is being created that there is no alternative to the BJP as well as Mr. Modi and that there is going to be a walkover. The BJP is very good in manufacturing an atmosphere of invincibility. This atmosphere will be then sought to be validated and supported by the outcome of elections to various States. Of the State elections, the most important in the cycle between now and 2024 is Karnataka, as the BJP is already in power here. If the BJP returns to power in Karnataka, even if it does not have mandate of people (through Operation Kamala), it will be advertised as the BJP's invincibility. Therefore, there is a big challenge before the Opposition parties of proving that the BJP can not only be defeated but also in a convincible manner so that they cannot subvert people's mandate. Such a thing will boost the morale of the Opposition parties in several other States and accelerate the process of Opposition unity.

People of Karnataka should effect not just a change, but political stability with unassailable change so that it cannot be subverted through 'Operation Kamala', which is not only financial corruption, but also political corruption.

The BJP has been seeking votes on the ground that a 'double-engine' government will usher in a fast paced development. What is your take on this?

The very concept of a 'double-engine' government is an insult to the Constitution that says India is a union of States. The double-engine concept means that the States have to be at the mercy of the Centre. They are actually saying that if there is a State not run by the BJP, then it will not have the same kind of treatment as that of the BJP regime. This is blackmail politics. It is not just Congress mukt-Bharat, but an Opposition mukt-Bharat. One nation, one party and one government. This is the meaning of the double-engine sarkar.

You had asked the Congress to be more politically accommodative. Do you see such a thing happening?

When I say politically accommodative, it has different meanings. At one level, it means that the Congress should not try to monopolise all the political space for itself. It should have accommodated Dalit organisations, farmers, and Left parties to a bigger extent. There is another ideological and conceptual meaning. The Congress has to win back the Hindu mind of India. The main reason for the steep decline of the Congress is because a very large section of Hindu society, especially the middle class and educated class and young people, has begun to see the Congress as not representing their aspirations. Of course, the BJP's propaganda has a big role. But why has the Congress allowed such a perception to gain ground?

I am not advocating politics of Hindu communalism. But we must respond to Hindu concerns and aspirations in a non-communal way. Not everything about Hindu concerns and aspirations is communal. We must understand what is going on in Hindu minds today.

Today, the BJP is attacking (the former Prime Minister Jawaharlal) Nehru on all fronts, including by painting him as anti-Hindu. In fact, Nehru was not anti-Hindu and he was proud of his Hindu heritage. This is where the Congress has failed and given a big space to the BJP. The BJP has identified Hindu aspirations with nationalism. Therefore, they are building a big picture that greatness of India is dependent on Hindu power. What they say Hindu power is to the exclusion of minorities. The Congress has to be inclusive and non-discriminatory. Hinduism itself is not discriminatory. If I am proud of my Hinduism in a true sense, then I shall never hate non-Hindus. Because my Hinduism teaches to respect all faiths. This is true secularism.

Congress alleges plot to kill Kharge and his family by BJP candidate in Chittapur

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress leaders Randeep Singh Surjewala and Pawan Khera have alleged that, fearing defeat in the Legislative Assembly elections, the BJP and its leadership are hatching a plot to kill AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge, his wife, and the entire family through Manikanth Rathod, BJP candidate from Chittapur constituency in Kalaburagi district.

"This is clear from the audio recording of the BJP candidate, who also happens to be the blue-eyed boy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai," Mr. Surjewala alleged here on Saturday.

Mallikarjun Kharge's son Priyank Kharge is Congress candidate in Chittapur; Manikanth Rathod is BJP nominee

Mr. Rathod is allegedly named in over 30 criminal cases reported in Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, and Bidar districts, involving serious crimes such as attempt to murder, illegal transportation of Anna Bhagya rice, narcotics smuggling, illegal possession of firearms, and criminal intimidation.

Mr. Mallikarjun Kharge's son Priyank Kharge is the Congress candidate in Chittapur.

"There is a designed hatred towards Mr. Mallikarjun Kharge on the part of Central and State BJP leadership. The BJP is unable to digest the fact that having been born in a Dalit family to a factory labourer, Mr. Mallikarjun Kharge has risen from the post of block Congress president to president of the Indian National Congress," Mr. Surjewala said.

"BJP leaders are openly plotting the assassination of Mr. Mallikarjun Kharge, his wife, and the entire family. Mr. Modi, Mr. Bommai, the Karnataka police and the Election Commission would play mute on this sinister conspiracy," Mr. Surjewala alleged.

The Congress leaders urged immediate action against Mr. Rathod and said the voters would give a befitting reply to the BJP in the elections.

Will order probe: CM

Reacting to the allegation, Mr. Bommai said in Belagavi that the government would order an inquiry into the audio clip.

EC notice to KPCC following BJP plaint regarding newspaper advertisement

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued a notice to the KPCC president for publishing an advertisement in national and local newspapers in Karnataka "with unsubstantiated information" regarding alleged rates cited for appointments and transfers, kinds of jobs and commissions by the BJP.

The Opposition Congress has been asked to show reasons and provide empirical evidence on the rates for appointments and transfers by 7 p.m. on Sunday for the allegations made in the advertisement and also post it in the public domain.

The party has been asked to explain why action should not be initiated against it for violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and relevant legal provisions under the Representation of the People Act and the IPC.

"The commission received a complaint dated May 5 from the BJP that the Indian National Congress had published an advertisement with the above-mentioned allegations," stated an official release.

According to the notice, "While the general references and allusions to the alleged lack of achievement, misdeeds, not ensuring corruption-free governance of political opponents do float in the political campaigns, specific accusations and charges need to be segregated as the same must be backed by verifiable facts. Making specific charges, without any factual basis, is an action proscribed by the penal statutes."

Mining baron's entry into fray has stirred up traditional poll equations

KEY CONSTITUENCY

Kumar Buradikatti
KALABURAGI

Gangavati Assembly constituency in Koppal district, which has seen a triangular battle between the Congress, BJP, and JD(S) in the last four Assembly elections, has a new entrant in the Kalyana Rajya Pragati Paksha (KRPP), replacing the JD(S) in the fight.

After being "sidelined" in the BJP, G. Janardhana Reddy, who along with his brothers G. Somashekhara Reddy and G. Karunakara Reddy and his close associate and Naik community leader B. Sriramulu, played a key role in installing the B.S. Yediyurappa government in Karnataka in 2008, quit the party. He has floated his own political outfit, the KRRP, amid his prolonged legal battle related to illegal mining cases. He is testing his luck in the 2023 Assembly Elections from Gangavati.

First direct fight

For Mr. Reddy, who was a member of the Karnataka Legislative Council and served as Minister in the BJP government, it is the first direct election. He could not contest the election from his home district of Ballari because of the court-imposed restrictions to enter the district and that is why he has chosen Gangavati. The BJP has fielded Paranna Munavalli, the incumbent MLA, and the Congress has fielded Iqbal Ansari.

The constituency has an estimated Lingayat population of 60,000 followed by Muslims at about 40,000 and Kurubas at 20,000. While Mr. Munavalli is heavily dependent on Lingayats, Mr. Ansari is on Muslims and Kurubas.

Unlike the BJP and the Congress, which have their own traditional vote banks, the KRPP does not have a dominant community backup. Mr. Reddy banks on his financial resources and popularity among the youth, with which he could attract many middle-level leaders from other parties into his fold.

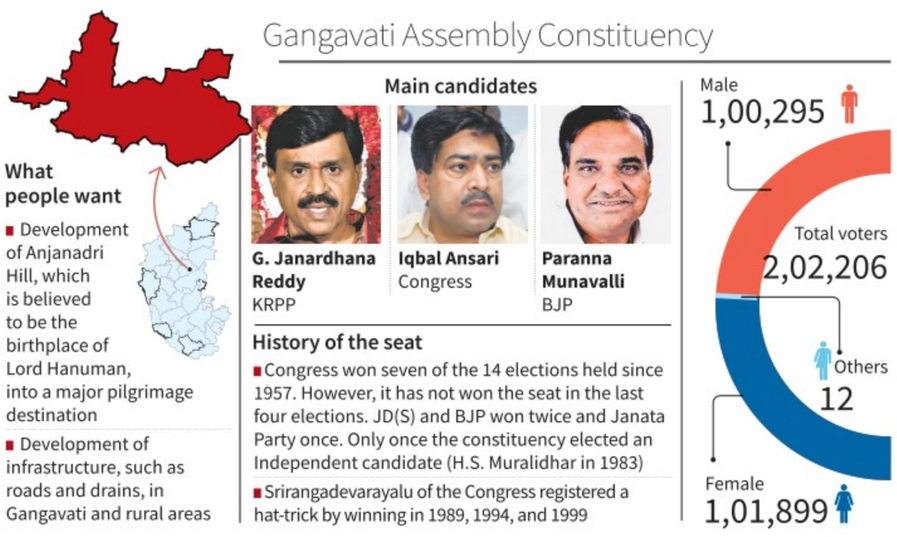
Both the BJP and the Congress have trained their guns on Mr. Reddy and they have been saying that he would "loot" Gangavati just as he did Ballari. On his part, Mr. Reddy has promised to give a 2-BHK house to every homeless family in the constituency if voted to power.

For the Congress, apart from the solid support of Muslims and Kurubas and partial support of Lingayats, the development works that its candidate Mr. Ansari had implemented in the constituency during his tenure as MLA and Minister have come in handy. However, Mr. Ansari has to handle the dissent of Mallikarjun Nagappa and H.R. Srinath, who were strong aspirants for the Congress ticket.

Banking on 'birthplace'

For the BJP, the Anjanadri Hill, which is believed to be the "birthplace" of Lord Hanuman, is the biggest issue to polarise the Hindu votes towards its candidate Mr. Munavalli. The holy place is on the bank of the Tungabhadra with the World Heritage Site of Hampi on the other bank. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai recently launched development works to be taken up at a cost of ₹125 crore at Anjanadri.

BJP State Unit chief Nalin Kumar Kateel had, in a poll campaign two months ago, openly called upon people to elect a Hindu candidate to represent the holy place in the Assembly. National leaders such as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath too mentioned Anjanadri in their poll campaigns.


Gangavati Assembly Constituency
What people want
Development of Anjanadri Hill, which is believed to be the birthplace of Lord Hanuman, into a major pilgrimage destination
Development of infrastructure, such as roads and drains, in Gangavati and rural areas
Main candidates
G. Janardhana Reddy
KRPP
Iqbal Ansari
Congress
Paranna Munavalli
BJP
History of the seat
Congress won seven of the 14 elections held since 1957. However, it has not won the seat in the last four elections. JD(S) and BJP won twice and Janata Party once. Only once the constituency elected an Independent candidate (H.S. Muralidhar in 1983)
Srirangadevarayalu of the Congress registered a hat-trick by winning in 1989, 1994, and 1999
Male
1,00,295
Total voters
2,02,206
Others
12
Female
1,01,899

Past results

	Winner	Votes polled Vote share	Runner-up Vote share	Votes polled	Third place	Votes polled Vote share
2013	Iqbal Ansari JD(S)	60,303 48.11%	Paranna Munavalli BJP	30,514 24.34%	H.R. Srinath Congress	20,248 16.15%
2018	Paranna Munavalli BJP	67,617 45.91%	Iqbal Ansari Congress	59,644 40.50%	Kariyanna Sangati JD(S)	14,161 9.62%

Beyond Nandini-Amul debate, dairying is an uphill task for many farmers

'A bottle of water is sold at ₹20 while we get ₹29 for a litre of milk. Is this a fair pricing mechanism?' asks a farmer

Sharath S. Srivatsa
RAMANAGARA/MANDYA

If Nanje Gowda, a farmer at Kirugavulu in Mandya district, has sold off all three cows and stopped dairy farming in the last two years, his friends Nanjunde Gowda and Nage Gowda have reduced the number of cows as the rising cost of feed and fodder, coupled with an unattractive remuneration, has hit the dairy industry hard.

Across Southern Karnataka districts of Ramanagara, Tumakuru, Kolar, and Hassan, where dairy farming has provided a source of livelihood and supplemented income over the decades, farmers are now feeling the heat of price rise. Most holdings among farmers in the State has been estimated by the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) to be between one and three cows.

"The government increased the price by ₹2 per litre of milk in the retail market recently and passed on the same to farmers. But the cost of feed, which was about ₹800 for a 50-kg bag, increased to over ₹1,100. This would cost around ₹800 two years ago," said Nagaraju, a resident of Malavalli in Mandya district.

Across Southern Karnataka districts of Ramanagara, Tumakuru, Kolar, and Hassan, where dairy farming has provided a source of livelihood and supplemented income over the decades, farmers are now feeling the heat of price rise. FILE PHOTO

The families of landless labourers owning cows are particularly hit hard as they have to purchase the fodder at a high cost. At Aladahalli in Mandya district, Nage Gowda's contribution to the local milk society has dropped from more than 15 litres earlier to about 3 litres as he reduced the number of cows from three to one due to fodder issues. Mr. Nage Gowda said wryly, "A bottle of water is sold at ₹20 while we get ₹29 for a litre of milk. Is this a fair pricing mechanism?"

Varying prices

In Ramanagara, farmers get ₹32.85 per litre of milk while in Mandya it is ₹29 per litre. The procurement price of milk in 15 district unions across the State varies, depending on the financial status of the unions, and from season to season. Besides, ₹5 per litre that is given as incentive from the government has not been released since November 2022, which runs into over ₹600 crore now. "Erratic release of incentive is another problem though the money is assured. Expecting the money, most of the times we raise hand loans and return it when the incentive comes," said Nanjamma, a resident of Kempashetty Doddi, near Bidadi in Ramanagara district.

There are about 25 lakh members of the KMF, who benefit from the incentive scheme, and together with their family members are estimated to be over 50 lakh voters in the State, making it among the biggest catchment for political parties. Keeping an eye on the election, Janata Dal (Secular), BJP, and Congress have all promised to increase the incentive to ₹7 per litre in their manifestos. But many farmers the *The Hindu* spoke to were unaware of this incentive.

Interestingly, despite a high-voltage political battle over the entry of Amul into the Bengaluru market, and suspicions raised by the Opposition Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) over the merger of Nandini with Amul, farmers in rural hinterland either remain unaware of it or are more bogged down by survival issues.

Living with cows

Despite troubled times, why are farmers still holding to dairy farming? According to Mahesh at Anchemuddanhalli in K.R. Pet, with the vagaries of weather and poor pricing mechanism for agricultural produce, agriculture has not been profitable. "With milk unions making payments every fortnight, there is a steady flow of money. This also supplements income. Having cows is also part of the rural livelihood.... We are used to living with cows."

KMF officials also acknowledge the problems faced by dairy farmers, and the price rise is squeezing them. While the KMF procured a record 94 lakh litres a day during the flush season last year, the procurement dropped to about 64 lakh earlier this March due to the lean season, which are the annual seasonal cycles. They also acknowledged that despite milk procurement going up, many farmers have either quit dairy farming or reduced the number of cows. However, the number of dairy farmers is also increasing beyond the traditional Old Mysore region, and many who can manage big dairies are also slowly increasing.

JD(S) MLC extends support to Congress

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Janata Dal (Secular) MLC Marithibbe Gowda has called for supporting the Congress in the Assembly elections on the ground that a decisive verdict will help in the formation of a stable government.

Mr. Marithibbe Gowda had rebelled against his party in the past as well and had supported the Congress in the election to the Legislative Council from the South Graduates constituency last year.

He said the Congress should be backed by the people of the State to avoid a fractured verdict and to enable it to form the government, otherwise it would lead to political instability.

Though corruption existed under all parties, it breached the ceiling and crossed all limits under the BJP, he said. There had been no recruitment in the educational field ever since the BJP came to power and the government had failed to conduct local body elections. The BJP was least interested in public welfare and to avoid a hung verdict it was important to vote in favour of the Congress, he added.

Marithibbe Gowda

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> **MARITHIBBE GOWDA,** Janata Dal (Secular) MLC

FIR registered against Rangayana director

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Rangayana director Addanda Cariappa has been booked for allegedly provoking religious hatred during an election campaign speech in T. Shettigeri village of Kodagu district on May 4.

According to an FIR lodged against him in Srimangala police station by an election official, Mr. Cariappa was campaigning for the BJP in T. Shettigeri on May 4 when he allegedly delivered a provocative speech that disturbed harmony among different communities, promoted hatred, and disturbed public peace.

Mr. Cariappa is also accused of making false statements with regard to elections.

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INBRIEF

Malayalam scholar, ex-MLA Nabeesa Ummal no more

Former MLA and Malayalam scholar A. Nabeesa Ummal, 91, passed away at Nedumangad in Kerala on Saturday. She was the first Muslim woman to secure a postgraduate degree in Malayalam. After retiring as Principal of University College, Thiruvananthapuram, in 1986, she contested the 1987 Assembly election as a CPI(M)-backed Independent and won.

Tiger presence spreads panic at Palnadu district in A.P.

The movement of at least three big cats has been confirmed in the forest fringe areas of Palnadu district in Andhra Pradesh, spreading panic among villagers. One mother tiger and two cubs are reportedly roaming Durgi, Bollapalli, Karampudi and Veldurthi mandals. According to forest officials and villagers, the tigers killed a cow at Gajapuram village in Durgi on April 24.

People of Tamil Nadu will understand the 'Dravidian Model': Stalin

T.N. CM's comments come in the backdrop of Governor R.N. Ravi's recent statement about the 'Dravidian Model' being a political slogan and an expired ideology

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday said that those who differentiated between people on the basis of "caste, religion, power and arrogance" would not understand the 'Dravidian Model' of governance.

While Mr. Stalin did not explicitly refer to Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi, his comments came in the backdrop of the Governor's recent criticism that the 'Dravidian Model', being projected by the DMK government, was a political slogan and an expired ideology that was against the idea of 'One India'.

M.K. Stalin

Speaking at a function in Chennai to mark the completion of two years of his government, Mr. Stalin said there was no need to worry about "those in positions unrelated to people". He said the wise people of Tamil Nadu, who brought the DMK to power with the hope of a (new) dawn, would clearly understand what the 'Dravidian Model' was. "The face of this government is not power, but love; not arrogance, but democracy; not ornamentation, but simplicity; not totalitarianism, but equality; not Sanatana, but social justice," he said. "That is why, it is criticised by a few, loved by many," he added.

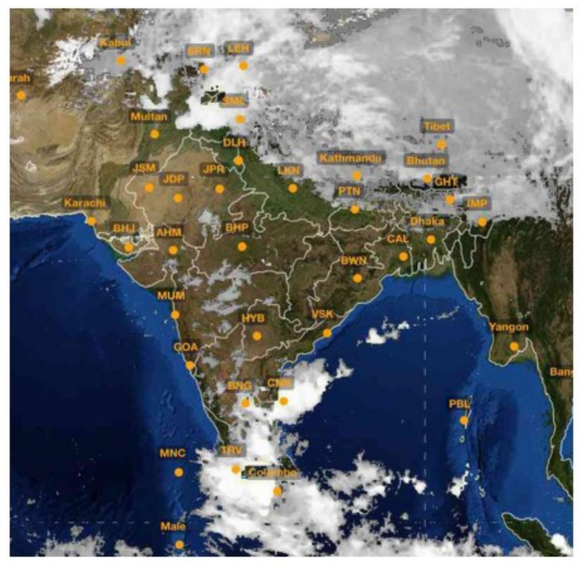
He said there was no need for him to answer those who questioned what the 'Dravidian Model' was, because the happiness and smiles of people of Tamil Nadu were answering that question.

"It is sufficient if we perform our duties," he said. He said that while the Tirukkural said "*Pirapokkum ella uyirkkum* [All are born equal]," the 'Dravidian Model' stood for "*Ellarukkum ellam* [Everything for everyone]".

Listing the initiatives launched since the DMK came to power, Mr. Stalin said that as the government stepped into its third year, everyone in Tamil Nadu had benefited in some way under the government based on the 'Dravidian Model'. Citing a few instances such as the sanctioning of pension for a widow at Madhavaram who could not get the assistance during the previous government, Mr. Stalin said his happiness was the happiness among such people when their needs were met.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Allahabad	—	38.7	21.8	Madurai	—	35.1	25.8
Bengaluru	—	29.3	22.1	Mangaluru	—	34.3	25.0
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	—	32.9	26.0
Bhubaneswar	—	35.7	24.0	Mysuru	—	34.0	22.0
Chandigarh	—	35.0	20.1	New Delhi	—	35.1	21.0
Chennai	—	34.6	26.9	Patna	—	37.4	22.6
Coimbatore	—	33.7	24.4	Port Blair	—	34.2	26.8
Dehradun	—	32.6	17.4	Puducherry	—	33.2	25.7
Gangtok	61	22.0	13.4	Pune	—	37.4	22.6
Goa	—	35.0	25.4	Raipur	—	37.0	26.2
Guwahati	—	36.5	22.7	Ranchi	—	35.8	21.8
Hubballi	—	36.0	23.0	Shillong	—	25.3	13.8
Hyderabad	—	34.0	23.7	Shimla	—	22.0	11.2
Imphal	3	31.7	21.7	Srinagar	—	18.5	10.4
Jaipur	—	37.4	24.5	Thiruvananthapuram	0.6	33.4	25.7
Kochi	0.6	31.4	27.2	Tiruchi	4	34.5	26.4
Kohima	2	22.8	14.6	Vijayawada	—	35.9	26.4
Kolkata	—	36.2	26.4	Visakhapatnam	—	34.6	26.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	7	—	5	174	194	
Bengaluru	27	11	61	50	63	
Chennai	3	92	107	59	55	
Delhi	30	170	106	269	307	
Hyderabad	14	47	94	67	106	
Kolkata	18	22	32	55	73	
Lucknow	8	96	45	84	104	
Mumbai	4	70	115	38	47	
Pune	120	182	114	172	109	
Visakhapatnam	17	47	33	42	96	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sasaram, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 315 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

T.N. bans tourists from Megamalai after spotting Arikompan

The Hindu Bureau
IDUKKI/CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu Forest Department has banned the entry of tourists to the Megamalai hill station near Chinnamanur in the State after translocated tusker Arikompan was spotted in that area.

According to Chinnamanur range officer T. Sivaji, the tusker is now roaming the Highway View area near Megamalai. "Tamil Nadu Forest Department officials spotted the tusker there on Friday. It was seen near human habitations. We deployed two special teams consisting of 15 members to monitor the tusker," said Mr. Sivaji.

"The Forest Department issued a temporary ban on tourists in Megamalai to avoid untoward incidents. But there is no ban on movement of residents of Megamalai," he said.

Location confirmed

The Kerala Forest department officials too confirmed the presence of the wild tusker at Megamalai. The last signal from the satellite radio collar on the tusker was received on Friday night.

"Sometimes it moves under thick canopy or heavy rain and the signals get cut. Two teams of the Kerala Forest department, consisting of four members each, are still monitoring the movement of the tusker. We suspect the tusker is trying to return to Chinnakkanal [its original habitat]," said an official.

The elephant, which had allegedly trampled to death 11 persons and repeatedly raided ration shops for rice, was captured from Idukki by the Kerala Forest Department and relocated to the Periyar Tiger Reserve on April 29. Arikompan moved to the Vannathiparai Reserve Forest in Megamalai division a day later, said forest officials.

Film announced

Meanwhile, a film based on Arikompan is set to be made. Producer N.M. Badusha shared the first-look poster of the film *Arikompan* on Facebook on Saturday. It will be directed by Sajid Yahiya and the script will be by Suhail M. Koya.

Opposition leader alleges ₹100-crore graft in AI-camera deal

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Leader of the Opposition in Kerala V.D. Satheesan has alleged corruption in excess of ₹100 crore centred on the Chief Minister's Office in the acquisition and installation of Artificial Intelligence-enabled traffic offence detection systems spanning highways and arterial roads across the State under the Safe Kerala project.

Addressing a press conference at the DCC office in Kochi on Saturday, Mr. Satheesan said the commercial proposal of ₹57 crore submitted by one of the companies enlisted for technical support for the Safe Kerala project was way too inflated than the prevailing market rates, besides the systems proposed being outdated.

"The entire system, including the cameras, control room, annual maintenance and the furniture, would cost not more than ₹45 crore whereas the tender was for ₹151 crore. This reeks of corruption to the tune of more than ₹100 crore," Mr. Satheesan said. He alleged that a relative of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had attended a meeting of the first consortium of companies for the project and spoke extensively about it being a dream project.

Rain likely in A.P.; cyclonic circulation over Bay of Bengal

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh continued to witness light to moderate rains over many places on Saturday.

Addateegala of Alluri Sitharama Raju district received 78 mm of rainfall on Saturday. About 30 mandals in the said districts recorded over 30 mm of rainfall.

As per IMD forecast, light rains are likely at isolated places across the State during the next four days. The A.P. State Disaster Management Authority alerted the districts about formation of a cyclonic circulation over the Bay of Bengal.

Seven injured in bee attack near A.P.'s Kuppam

The Hindu Bureau
CHITTOOR

Seven persons were injured in a wild-bee attack atop Mallappa Konda hill, 25 km from Kuppam in Andhra Pradesh on Friday. The incident came to light on Saturday.

As per sources, a couple in their early 20s from Tekal in Karnataka's Kolar district visited the hilltop in the evening.

After a stroll through the thickets, the two were about to leave when a swarm of wild bees attacked them.

Five residents who were in the area rushed to their rescue and were also attacked by the bees.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Dr. RAMACHANDRAN GURUPRASAD
(aged 61 yrs)

Principal Technical Officer, Roddam Narasimha Centre for Civil Aircraft, CSIR - National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore.

Passed away on 02 May 2023
Fondly remembered by Family & Friends.
Ct: 91130 76382, 98404 06352

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public is hereby informed that, my client **Sri. Venkatesh Sheshappanavar** S/o late Ramachandrappa V Sheshappanavar is intending to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner Mrs. Jyothi Manoj Gomez @ Jyothi Manoj @ Jyothi Gomez W/o Manoj R/at "Jyothi Mandiram" Opp. Post office, Puthencurichy P.O., Kadinamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram, Puthencurichy, Kerala-695303. If anybody having any objection, claims, interest, disputes for the above sale transaction he/she may contact the undersigned with documentary proof substantiated his/her objections, claims, interests, disputes **within 15 days** from the date of this publication. Failing which my client will proceed to complete sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/ disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/ disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that, piece and parcel of the premises bearing New No.5 (Old No.81) "Mary Nilaya" BBMP PID No.40-141-5, situated at 3rd Main Road, Mysuru Income Tax Layout, Ward No.132 Attiguppe, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 50 Feet, totally measuring 2000 Sq.ft. comprising of 948 Sq.ft RCC building bounded on:

East by : Site No.80,
West by : Site No.82,
North by : 30 Feet Road,
South by : Site No.105.

JANARDHANA. R, SIDDAYYA .P,
Advocates
No.20, 1st Floor, 5th Main, 5th Cross, Above HDFC Bank, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560 009.
Phone: 9880469557 / 9880553939

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE.
Ex. No. 25131/2020

BETWEEN:

1. Col. S. Kumar,
S/o late Major T.A. Sundar Raj,
2. Smt. Meera K.
W/o Col . S. Kumar,
3. Smt. Kanchana. K,
D/o Col. S. Kumar,

All residing at :
No. 8/302, Rita Manor, Carleston Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore- 560 005.

Decree Holders.

AND

1. M/s Surana Jewellers,
represented by its Proprietor,
Smt. Vasantha Surana,
W/o late Sumer Surana,

Earlier residing at :
No.6, Wheeler Road,
Frazer Town,
Bangalore - 560 005.

Presently residing at :
Apartment No. 201,
2nd Floor, Elegant Iris Apartments, Sundaramurthy Road, Cox Town,
Bangalore - 560 005.

2. Sri. Ajith Surana,
S/o late Sumer Surana,
Manager, Surana Jewellers,

Earlier residing at :
No.6, Wheeler Road,
Frazer Town,
Bangalore - 560 005.

Presently residing at :
No. 167, Rama Temple Street,
Jeevanahalli, Cox Town,
Bangalore - 560 005.

Judgment Debtors.

CAUSE NOTICE TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR NO.1 & 2 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 (1-A) OF CPC

Whereas the abovenamed decree holders have filed an execution petition, bearing Execution Petition NO.25131/2020 on the file of the City Civil Court, Mayo Hall (CCH-29), Bangalore, under Order 21 Rule 11 CPC against the abovenamed judgment debtors for recovery of a sum of Rs.63,70,000/- with interest at 12% per annum from 22/06/2015 upto date of realization and a further sum of Rs.7,70,000/- from June 2014 to August 2015.

The aforementioned judgment debtors are hereby required to appear in person or by a pleader duly instructed and contest the petition before the city civil judge (CCH-29), Mayo Hall, Bangalore, on 30/06/2023 at 11.00. a.m. if the aforementioned judgment debtors fail to appear on the aforsaid date, the execution petition shall be proceeded with and the Hon'ble Court Shall proceed to allow the petition by granting the relief claimed therein.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 20th day of 04 / 2023 at Bangalore.

Advocate for Decree Holders.

By Order of the Court

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar
City Civil court
Bangalore

M.Arun Ponappa
2nd Floor, kasturi Complex, No. 76,
Mission Road, Bangalore-560 027

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify that consequent to YMCA Public School, Off Mysore Road, Next to Gopalan Olympia Apartments, Kumbalgodu, Bangalore - 560074 is taken over by Gopalan Foundation Registration having its administrative office at #5/1, 5, Richmond Rd, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560025 is renamed as GOPALAN NATIONAL SCHOOL SOUTH as per the Government Order.

Off Mysore Road, Next to Gopalan Olympia Apartments, Kumbalgodu, Bengaluru - 560074.
Call: 080 2843 7232

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby put on notice that our client is negotiating for purchase of Schedule described property from (1) Sri **B.S.Gnanaprakash**, s/o late A.B.Siddagangiah, 53 years, r/a No.78, 4th Cross, Teachers' Colony, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru - 560 078 and (2) **Smt.Suma K**, W/o late B.S.Shivaprakash, aged 34 years, (3) **Chi. Nikhil Tej S**. 8 yrs, and (4) **Chi. Ranvit S**., 6 yrs, Nos.3 and 4 above being minors represented by No.2 Smt.Suma K. as mother / guardian, Nos. 2 to 4 r/a No.2, Manganahalli Cross Road, Ullal Main Road, Near Indian Oil Petrol Bunk Bengaluru-560 110.

Any person/s having any right, title, claim or demand of any nature, extent and description or any other claim over Schedule Property is hereby called upon to lodge the same in writing with the undersigned along with notarized/certified copies of documentary proof within 10 days from publication hereof and be it known that claims lodged after 10 days would not be taken notice of and our client shall deem that there are no such above claims and claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes and the sale would be completed which shall be binding on such claimants, if any.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The immovable property bearing BDA Site No.2017 forming part of Railway Line Pipe Line Extension, then known as Vijayanagar 2nd Stage and present Municipal No.8 and 8/1, 12th 'A' Cross, Ist 'B' Main Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, (Old P.I.D.No.34-60-8 and 8/1), Bengaluru - 560 040, actual area in possession and uninterrupted enjoyment since allotment measures East to West : 34'-03" and North to South 45'-03" admeasuring 1550 sq. ft. and bounded as follows: **East:** BDA Site No.2018 (Municipal No.9) **West:** Formerly private layout and present Municipal No.7 **North:** Road (now Ist 'B' Main Road) **South:** BDA Site No.2016, consisting of built area in Ground Floor and First Floor to an extent of 2600 Sq. Ft. with all civic amenities and privileges.

Shrinivas P.Dhondale,
Advocate
1849, 'I Floor, 5th 'A' Main Road
Railway Parallel Road, Hampinagar
Bengaluru-560 104

Date: 06th May 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956 UNDER SECTIONS 433, 434 AND 439 OF COMPANIES ACT, 1956. and IN THE MATTER OF VASOO BUILDERS PRIVATE LIMITED
Company Petition No.169/2014

BETWEEN: PURUSHOTHAM GOCULDAS PLYWOOD CO. PRIVATE LIMITED
a Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its Registered Office at 189 W, Highway Arcade, 3rd Floor, Teekay Thana, Kannur 670 002, Kerala.
and having its branch at No.9, First Main, First Block, R. T. Nagar, Bangalore 560 032.
...Petitioner
Represented herein by its Authorized Signatory, Mr. Kulin Laxmikant.

AND: 1) VASOO BUILDERS PRIVATE LIMITED
a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its Registered Office at Hamdh Court, No.13, 1st Floor, Mother Theresa Road, Austin Town, 1st Stage, Bangalore– 47.
...Respondent No.1
And having corporate offices at
29/1, Kaveriappa Layout, Millers Tank Bund Road, Bangalore 560 052.
Represented by its Managing Director
2) UTTAM SAGAR DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED,
having its registered office at Flat No.S-02, Alfred Place, No. 25 Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore 560 025.
Represented herein by its Director
...Respondent No.2

ADVERTISEMENT OF PETITION

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the winding-up of the above-named company by the High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore, was presented on the eighteenth day of July, 2014, to the said Court by Purushotham Goculdas Private Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, and having its registered office at 189 W, Highway Arcade, 3rd Floor, Teekay Thana, Kannur 670 002, Kerala, a creditor of the said company, and that the said Petition is admitted vide Order dated 25 August 2015, and directed to be heard before the Court on the 22nd day of May, 2023.

Any creditor, contributory, or other person desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an order on the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's Advocate notice of his intention signed by him or his Advocate with his name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner or his Advocate not later than 5 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition, and appear at the hearing for the purpose in person or by his advocate. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Any Affidavit intended to be used in opposition to the Petition should be filed in the said Court, and a copy served on the Petitioner or his Advocate in not less than 5 days before the date fixed for the hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the **29 th day of March, 2023.**

By Order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar

Sd/-
Advocate for Petitioner
SAAKSHYA LAW, ADVOCATES
No. 5/1, Crescent Heights,
Cunningham Crescent Road,
Bangalore – 560 052.

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
MYUCO Andhra Corporation

UNION BANK OF INDIA, REGIONAL OFFICE, ERNAKULAM
2nd Floor, Union Bank Bhavan, M.G. Road, Ernakulam-682035,
Ph: 0484-2353969, E-mail: cmcrldroernakulam@unionbankofindia.bank

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on below mentioned date "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" for recovery of respective dues with future interest ad costs to the Union Bank of India as mentioned hereunder from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Branch name & Address: Union Bank of India, Edapally Toll Branch (erstwhile Corporation Bank, Edappally Branch), Edappally Toll Junction, N.H.47, P.O.Edappally South, , Ernakulam-682 024, Ph: 0484-2550844 , Email : ubin0569593@unionbankofindia.bank

Name of the Borrower & Co-applicant/Guarantor/s: Mr.Vishnu Kumar Babu, Son and legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu, No,4A, Swiss House, Vazhakkala, Thrikkakara.P.O., Ernakulam-682 021, also at: Apartment No.314, S.K.Apartments, Bagalur Cross, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560065, also at: Apartment No.8-D, Kingsway Flat, Opp.Changampuzha Park, Edapally, Kochi- 682 024. Mr.Anjenes, Son and legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu,4A, Swiss House, Vazhakkala, Thrikkakara.P.O., Ernakulam- 682 021.also at: Apartment No.8-D, Kingsway Flat, Opp.Changampuzha Park, Edapally, Kochi- 682 024. Ms. Anisha, Daughter and legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu, No.4A, Swiss House, Vazhakkala, Thrikkakara.P.O., Ernakulam- 682 021, also at: Apartment No.8-D, Kingsway Flat, Opp.Changampuzha Park, Edapally, Kochi- 682 024. Mrs.Santhoshkumari, Wife and Legal heir of Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu, Apartment No.8-D, Kingsway Flat, Opp.Changampuzha Park, Edapally, Kochi-682 024. also at: No.4A, Swiss House, Vazhakkala, Thrikkakara.P.O., Ernakulam- 682 021.

Amount due: Rs.48,26,496.49/- (Rupees Forty Eight lakhs twenty six thousand four hundred ninety six and forty nine paise only) outstanding as on 29.07.2022 with further interest and costs from 30.07.2022 till realization.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 2.55 ares (6.300 Cents) under Sy.No.335/1, Re.Sy.No.83/4 -2, Block No.42 covered under Document No.8034 of 2008 dated 30.10.2008 in **Thiruvaniyoor Village,** Kunnathunad Taluk, Puthencruz sub district, Ernakulam District owned by Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu. (Property description as specified in the Sale Deed No.8034 of 2008 dated 30.10.2008 of SRO Puthencruz). Boundaries: North : Property of C.A.Baskaran and Sobhana. East : Property of M.Mary; South : Private Road,West: Property of D.Sudhakaran and K.N.S.Nair.

Reserve Price: Rs.8,51,000/- (Rs. Eight lakh fifty one thousand only)	EMD: Rs.85,100/- (Rs. Eighty five thousand one hundred only)

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 2.10 ares (5.190 cents), Old Sy.No.335/ 1, Re.Sy.No.83/ 4-1-2, Block No.42, covered under Document No.8030/2008 dtd. 30.10.2008 in **Thiruvaniyoor Village,** Kunnathunad Taluk, Puthencruz Sub Disrict, Ernakulam District owned by Mr.Meleth Kumar Babu. (Property description as specified in the Sale Deed No. 8030/ 2008 dated. 30-10.2008 of SRO Puthencruz). Boundaries: North : Property of Biju Chandrasekhar, East : Property of M.Mary, South : Private Road, West: Property of P.Parameswaran.

Reserve Price: Rs.6,31,000/- (Rs. Six lakh thirty one thousand only)	EMD: Rs.63,100/- (Rs. Sixty three thousand one hundred only)

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 2.10 ares (5.189 cents) Old Sy.No.335/1, Re.Sy.No.83/4-2, Block No.42, Covered under Document No.8032/2008 dated 30.10.2008 in Thi ruvaniyoor village, **Kunnathunad Taluk,** Puthencruz Sub District, Ernakulam District owned by Meleth Kumar Babu. (property description as specified in the Sale Deed No 8032/2008 dt.30.10.2008 of SRO Puthencruz). Boundaries: North: Private Road, East : Property of V.A.K.Nambiar, South : Property of K.P.C.Unnithan, West : Property of Jacob John.

Reserve Price: Rs.6,31,000/-(Rupees Six lakh thirty one thousand only)	EMD: Rs.63,100/- (Rupees Sixty three thousand one hundred only)

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor: NIL (However intending bidders are advised to verify the EC and satisfy themselves before submitting bid).

Date & Time of E-Auction: 25-05-2023, between 11.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m. (with 10 minutes unlimited auto extensions)

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to bank's website: http://www.unionbankofindia.co.in and link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com, For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp

Place: Ernakulam, Date: 07-05-2023 **(Sd/-) Authorised Officer, For Union Bank of India**

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank
इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

Zonal Office, 4th Floor, East Wing
Raheja Towers, No. 26, 27,
M G Road, BANGALORE - 560 001
PH: 080-22958899

Corrigendum to Notice Inviting Offers

With reference to our Advertisement dated 20.04.2023 calling for tenders for opening of new branches at the following locations **1. Whitefield, 2. Mahadevapura, 3. Manyata Business Park.**

The last date for receipt of bids is hereby extended up to **24.05.2023.** For more details, please refer to website **http://www.indianbank.in/tender.php**

Last date: 24.05.2023

Sd/- ZONAL MANAGER

From Page One

Charles III crowned in regal ceremony

The ceremony was deeply historical in many respects, but the signs of modernity – and diversity – were unmistakable. For the first time, the Prime Minister of the U.K. is a South Asian man. Rishi Sunak, who is a Hindu, read from the Bible. The Scottish First Minister, Humza Yousaf, a South Asian and Muslim Briton, wore a kilt to event. There was a Black gospel choir and female bishops, and a Welsh song opened the ceremonies.

Diverse elements

Some of these diverse elements were designed to reflect the King's personal preferences. In the 1990s, Charles had wanted to be styled 'Defender of Faith' rather than 'Defender of the Faith', the traditional epithet for British monarchs. To reflect this sentiment, the King received coronation regalia from individuals symbolising Britain's different religions and greeted a diverse group of religious leaders at the end of his service.

As has been the practice for centuries, the King was anointed with holy oil by the Archbishop of Canterbury before he was crowned. Charles was seated on the throne of Edward the Confessor, used at every coronation since 1300 and was crowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to cheers of "God Save the King".

After some members of the clergy and royal family pledged allegiance to the King, the public was invited to do so if they wished. This new element to the coronation created some controversy in recent days, with critics pointing to its unsuitability for modern times.

One of the themes of the coronation was the monarch as an instrument of service. However, the ground realities are more complex. It cost over GBP 86 million in 2020-2021 to maintain the royal family. Just over a quarter of adult Britons (26%) surveyed by YouGov in April said they would prefer to have an elected head of state, while 60% said they supported the monarchy. In addition to the thousands who lined The Mall in London and packed Trafalgar Square to cheer for the King, were some who came to protest the continuation of the monarchy.

"Our Head of State is a very important position and it should be decided democratically and not depend on which uterus you happen to come out of," a protester, Stephen Purse, a member of the anti-monarchy group Republic, told *The Hindu*. The group's leader, Graham Smith, as well as other demonstrators were detained by the police on Saturday morning – a move criticised by human rights groups.

The Queen Consort, Camilla, the second wife of Charles, was also crowned on Saturday, after having traversed a long and tumultuous – and ultimately successful – path to the throne.

She wore Queen Mary's Crown, first used in 1911, officially for "sustainability and efficiency" reasons, but as per reports, also out of sensitivity that using the crown with the Kohinoor diamond – seen by many as a symbol of a painful colonial past – would be offensive, especially to those in India.

The newly crowned royals looked more relaxed when they emerged later in the afternoon for a flypast and to wave at the crowds from the iconic balcony in Buckingham Palace – a first, in some ways, for both King Charles and the crowd, which, for the past seventy years, had got used to his mother, Queen Elizabeth, leading the family in that tradition.

Coronation celebrations are scheduled for the next two days – with a Coronation concert, community and volunteer events on Sunday as well as Monday, which have been declared a U.K-wide holiday.

Militant killed in Baramulla encounter: J&K police

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

One militant has been killed in an ongoing anti-militancy operation by the security forces in north Kashmir's Baramulla, the Jammu and Kashmir Police said on Saturday.

The police said the militant was killed in an encounter at Karhama Kunzer area of Baramulla.

"The police and security forces are on the job," the police said. The operation in the area was started in the night.

The death toll of militants in the recent operations in Kashmir has risen to five. Earlier, four militants were killed in Baramulla and Kupwara districts in north Kashmir.

Kashmir has witnessed a spurt in anti-militancy operations ahead of the upcoming G-20 meeting in Srinagar from May 22.

Sacrifice of slain soldiers will not be forgotten: Rajnath at Rajouri

One militant killed, another injured at the encounter site during an anti-militancy operation; Defence Minister, Army chief General Manoj Pande, J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha pay homage to Army personnel for their supreme sacrifice

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday arrived in Rajouri district of Jammu to get a first-hand account of the security situation.

During a combing operation on Friday in the Kandi forest area of the Kesari Hills in Rajouri, five soldiers were killed and a Major-rank officer was wounded in a blast.

One militant was killed and another was injured in the Army's anti-militancy operation at the encounter site on Saturday.

Mr. Singh was received by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha and Army chief General Manoj Pande on his arrival in Jammu earlier in the day. Later, Mr. Singh flew to Rajouri and interacted with the soldiers at the Army Base Camp of the district.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressing soldiers in Rajouri, on Saturday. J&K Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha is also present. ANI

"I pay homage to these brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in service to the nation. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. My thoughts are with the bereaved families in this hour of grief," Mr. Singh said in a tweet.

J&K L-G laid wreath and paid tributes to the brave Army personnel, "who made supreme sacrifice in the ongoing operations". "The entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with the families of the brave martyrs," the Lt. Governor said.

General Pande also saluted the "supreme sacrifice" of deceased Army jawans, Havaldar Neelam Singh, Naik Arvind Kumar, Lance Naik R.S. Rawat, Para Pramod Negi and Para S. Chettri.

The Defence Minister also took stock of the operational preparedness of the Army and the security situation along the border during his visit, a defence spokesperson said.

A fresh fire between the hiding militants and security forces erupted before sunrise in the forest area, which is home to thick vegetation, natural caves and deep slopes.

"In the ongoing joint operation of the Army, J&K Police and CRPF in the Kandi Forest area, Rajouri Sector, around 7:00 a.m., the cordon while closing in spotted and pinned down the terrorists. In the ensuing gunbattle, one terrorist was neutralised and another is likely to be injured," a Jammu-based Army spokesperson.

The identity of the neutralised terrorist is being ascertained, the Army said. The Army said one AK-56 Rifle, four magazines, 56 rounds, one 9-mm pistol, three grenades and one ammunition pouch were recovered from the encounter site.

After crash, Army grounds advanced light helicopter fleet again for checks

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The crash landing of the Army's advanced light helicopter, ALH-MKIII, last week was not due to a snag in the control rods, unlike in earlier cases, but a different problem which is still being ascertained, it has been learnt. Meanwhile, the Army has grounded its advanced light helicopter fleet once again for precautionary checks following the incident.

"The fleet has been grounded as a precaution as required checks are being carried out," a defence source said. In this case, it was not the control rods, but some other issue, the source stated.

The three services and the Coast Guard had all grounded their advanced light helicopter fleets after a Navy ALH-MkIII was ditched at sea on March 8, followed by a Coast Guard ALH also reporting an incident. The entire fleet was put through extensive checks by teams from Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), and only a few batches were recently cleared to fly.

Taking precaution: There are different variants of the helicopter flying with the three services and the Coast Guard. FILE PHOTO

As reported by *The Hindu*, senior defence officials said that the recent inquiry pointed to a critical design issue with the control rods, which had been the reason for several incidents in the past as well.

Small batch

While the Navy advanced light helicopters continue to remain grounded, the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Coast Guard have a small batch of the helicopters flying, officials said. The fleet of the IAF which has undergone the checks instituted by the HAL after the Navy and Coast Guard incidents in March is continuing with operations, Air Force sources said, adding that the helicopters which are undergoing these checks will be cleared for flying after completion.

Also, the IAF has taken no fresh decision with regard to flying the ALHs following the incident last week. The situation with the Coast Guard is also the same.

As reported earlier, the meantime for checks for the helicopters had been brought down from 600 to 300 hours, and it has been learnt that it has been further brought down to between 100 and 150 hours of flying.

There are around 300 ALHs of different variants flying with the three services and the Coast Guard, which include the Mk1, Mk2, Mk3 and Mk4, which is also called the Rudra Weapon System Integrated.

The Army operates over 145 indigenous ALHs, 75 of which are Rudra, while another 25 ALH Mk-IIIs are on order and scheduled to be inducted over the next two years. The Air Force has over 70 ALHs, the Navy 18 and the Coast Guard 20 in service.

In the latest incident on May 4, one Army technician was killed and two pilots were injured after an ALH on an operational mission made a hard landing on the banks of the Marwah river in the Kishtwar region of J&K.

Khalistani terrorist, wanted under UAPA, killed in Pakistan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Motorcycle-borne assailants shot him from a close range when he was out for a walk

A Pakistan-based Khalistani terrorist from Punjab was shot dead by two unidentified gunmen in Lahore on Saturday, a government source said.

Paramjit Singh Panjwar, 63, a key leader of the Khalistan Commando Force (KCF), a banned terror organisation, was designated an "individual terrorist" under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) in 2020.

The source said two motorcycle-borne assailants shot Singh from a close range when he was out for a walk in the morning. He was accompanied by a security guard.

The source added that Singh used to live under the protection of the ISI, the premier intelligence agency of Pakistan.

A Union Home Ministry notification dated July 1, 2020 said Singh arranged arms training for youth in Pakistan and remained engaged in supply of arms and ammunition, and subsequent infiltration into India for targeting VIPs and economic installations. Singh belonged to Tarn Taran district of Punjab and had escaped to Pakistan in 1990.

Officials said Singh regularly hosted "seditious and separatist programmes" on Radio Pakistan to incite the minority Sikh community against the Government of India.

The official added that he was a major conduit between smugglers and terrorists, and through KCF, he was trying to rope in former militants and forge a nexus with other forces hostile to India.

On India's request, the Interpol issued a Red Notice against Singh in 1995.

Amid violence, Manipur to set up peace committees in all Assembly constituencies

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Amid ethnic violence in the State, Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh, who held a multi-party meeting on Saturday, said a resolution was passed to form a peace committee in every Assembly constituency to ensure that peace initiatives were implemented at the grassroots level.

Earlier, Mizoram's lone Lok Sabha member C. Lalrosanga held talks with the MPs from the eight northeastern States, and the MLAs from Manipur's Churachandpur district. He sought their cooperation in ending the ongoing violence in Manipur and helping evacuate the victims to tranquil zones.

Kuldiep Singh, former Central Reserve Police Force chief who has been appointed by the Centre as Manipur's security adviser, said there were reports of 18 to 20 deaths during the past three days. "We are verifying if these 18-20 people died due to the violence. More than 100 others were injured," he told presspersons in Imphal on Saturday. He said more than 500 houses were torched and the exact number of vehicles damaged by the mobs was being ascertained.

Tense situation

Mr. Kuldiep Singh said Manipur continued to be tense but the situation "has been tackled" in several districts, including Churachandpur, Bishnupur, Kangpokpi, and Imphal.

"The situation has improved over the past two days. We have received a few reports of untoward incidents from Imphal and the fringe areas. A good number of troops were also received from the Central government," he said.

"Areas under 23 police stations, identified as the most vulnerable are being manned by the Army and CAPF [central armed police forces]," he added.

The State's Director-General of Police, P. Doungel said the overall situation improved significantly after the arrival of the Central forces. "We have received strict orders that we should not spare the troublemakers and take stringent actions against them. The Army is conducting flag marches. There is now a change in people's behaviour," he said.

Security personnel have so far evacuated more than 25,000 people from the conflict zones and shifted them to defence and government establishments. The displaced people said many of these temporary shelters did not have basic facilities. A senior official of Manipur's Home Department said Union Home Minister Amit Shah was closely monitoring the situation in the State.

Dispose of case on caste survey soon: Bihar appeals to HC

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The Bihar government on Saturday appealed to the Patna High Court to 'dispose of' the case of caste-based survey as soon as possible. The State government had filed a petition for advancing the date of hearing that was fixed on July 3.

On May 4, the Patna High court stayed the caste-based survey in its interim order while hearing a petition challenging, and seeking an interim stay on, the caste survey in Bihar.

Accepting the plea of the Bihar government, the Patna High Court fixed the date of hearing on May 9. Earlier, the court held that the State lacks legislative competence to hold the caste-based survey and thus the executive would not have competence to do the caste-based survey.

Earlier, advocates Dinu Kumar, Ritu Raj and Abhinav Srivastava on behalf of the petitioners, and Advocate-General P.K. Shahi on behalf of the State had presented the parties before the court.

Mr. Dinu Kumar had categorically told the court that the State government was misusing the contingency fund and the right to conduct surveys is beyond the jurisdiction of the State government. Mr. Shahi on the other hand had said that a survey was being conducted to make plans for public welfare and to improve the social level.

The first phase of the survey was carried out from January 7 to January 21 and the second phase began on April 15 and was supposed to be concluded on May 15.

Sources in the government said it had made the plea to dispose of the case so that the State government can approach the Supreme Court with fresh application.

Early diagnosis, treatment of diabetes in pregnant women benefit infants, finds study

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

It was performed at 17 hospitals in Australia, Austria, Sweden and India

Early diagnosis and treatment of gestational diabetes mellitus results in additional protection for babies and mothers from pregnancy complications, as per the results of a multi-centric, randomised controlled trial published recently in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The study, named TOBOGM, was performed at 17 hospitals in Australia, Austria, Sweden and India; recruited 802 women with a diabetes risk factor before 20 weeks' gestation. Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) is a form of diabetes which is first diagnosed during pregnancy.

Lead author David Simmons from the Western Sydney University's School of Medicine and Translational Health Research Institute said the study provided new evidence for those deemed to be at higher risk for early testing and treatment of gestational diabetes beyond the current recommended approach of intervening at 24-28 weeks.

The study assessed pregnancy outcomes with the initiation of treatment for GDM before 20 weeks, compared with no early treatment and subsequent initiation of treatment at 24-28 weeks gestation.

"Over one in 20 babies avoided a group of severe birth complications including birth damage like broken bones or nerves, or getting stuck during birth. In addition, breathing problems requiring oxygen were almost halved and the number of days needed in neonatal intensive care or special care unit was down by 40%," Prof. Simmons explained. From Chennai, the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation and Seethapathy Clinic, an obstetric care centre, were part of the global study.

MDRF chairman V. Mohan said the study is a clear game changer. He hoped that this study would result in revising (timing of) diagnosis and treatment for GDM, across the world.

Uma Ram of Seethapathy Clinic said, "The study will help in earlier diagnosis and management of GDM which today affects at least 25%, i.e. one in four of all pregnant women".

R.M. Anjana, president, MDRF, pointed out that in India, screening for GDM in the first trimester has already been part of the guidelines, but, the study provides the first RCT-based evidence that treatment in the first trimester of GDM is not only beneficial but free of any significant adverse effects.

Plea seeks SIT probe into alleged atrocities on tribals in Manipur

Manipur Tribal Forum claims 30 people were killed and 132 injured in attacks by the dominant Meitei community; several villages raided

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Tense situation: Army and Assam Rifles personnel conducting a flag march in Manipur. ANI

Amid the ongoing violence in Manipur, a writ petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the atrocities committed on the tribals allegedly by members of the dominant Meitei community.

Tensions over the issue of granting Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to the Meitei community have escalated to violence since May 3, after a Tribal Solidarity March was being held all over the State. In the violence since then, tribals have reported attacks by Meitei groups and vice versa.

The petition filed before the Supreme Court on Saturday by the Manipur Tribal Forum (MTF) in Delhi submitted that since May 3, around 40 churches had been razed; and homes, vehicles, and even hospitals burnt. It said 58 tribal villages and neighbourhoods had been raided by mobs of the dominant community.

It claimed that 30 tribals were killed and 132 injured in the attacks. It added that thousands of tribal people were living in makeshift camps set up by security forces in Imphal and that many were also stuck in private properties.

The petition sought that all tribals from the Hill District who are currently in Imphal or in the Valley region should be relocated to their homes in their respective districts under the escort of the Central forces and that all tribal settlements at risk of attacks should be adequately protected.

CRPF prepares to assist its personnel on leave in Manipur

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A day after a commando was killed in Manipur, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has directed all units to ascertain the number of jawans and officials belonging to the State who are on leave and may need assistance to shift to safer locations, a senior government official said on Saturday.

The CRPF has asked all its personnel and their families to report to the nearest security camp. The commando, identified as C. Haokip of the elite CoBRA unit, was reportedly killed trying to protect Siden village from armed assailants though officials said they were ascertaining the circumstances in which he was killed.

Another official said that the CRPF has evacuated around 10,000 people from the vicinity of capital Imphal to security camps.

Relief for students: NEET postponed in Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The National Eligibility-cum- Entrance Test for undergraduate courses (NEET-UG) scheduled on Sunday has been postponed in Manipur, the National Testing Agency announced on Saturday.

More than 5,000 candidates – many of them from the hill districts cut off from the centrally located Imphal Valley – were to have sat for the examination across 10 centres in Imphal.

'Superficial politics of BJP antithesis to concept of Hinduism and Indianness'

Seeking votes in name of Ram, Hanuman amounts to disrespecting Hinduism, says Congress general secretary in charge of Karnataka; he adds that refusal to release caste census data reflects BJP governments' anti-poor, anti-SC/ST, anti-OBC slant

INTERVIEW

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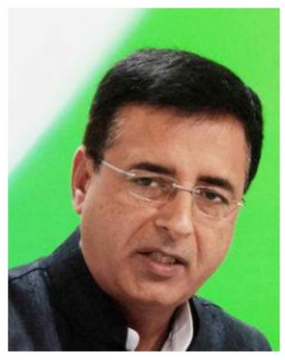

The Congress's promise of "decisive" action against the Bajrang Dal in its manifesto for the Karnataka Assembly election has been called an "insult" to Lord Hanuman by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which launched a new campaign around the deity. Randeep Surjewala, the Congress general secretary overseeing the party's Karnataka campaign, spoke to *The Hindu* about its political impact and other key issues. Edited excerpts:

What is working for the Congress and what worries you at this stage of the campaign?

A yearning to change the 40% commission BJP *sarkara* [government] is the centre point of this election. Coupled with multiple job scams like the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam and assistant professor scam, rampant unemployment and back-breaking price rise make the recipe for throwing out the Bommai government complete.

The Congress party, on the other hand, has offered the positive narrative of five Congress guarantees: Grihalakshmi or ₹2,000 monthly in every woman's bank account; Griha Jyoti or 200 free units of free electricity for every household; free bus travel for all women in Karnataka; Annabhagya, which will give 10 kg of rice free for every BPL [below povery line] family member; and Yuva Nidhi or ₹3,000 monthly for every graduate for a period of two years. The only worry arises from a sense of responsibility towards 6.5 crore Kannadigas, to the extent that the voice of people is heard not only by the next Congress government but also the entire administration in unison.

The BJP is attacking you on the promise of tough action against the Bajrang Dal and likening it with the PFI [Popular Front of India] in your manifesto. PM Modi has asked voters to punish the Congress by chanting Jai Bajrangbali while pressing the EVM button. Is this causing religious polarisation to your disadvantage?

The Bommai government and BJP leadership have no comprehension of Hanuman Chalisa. They only understand *chalis* (40) per cent commission.

The Constitution of India and the law is sacrosanct for the Congress party. The reason why Karnataka lost its frontline place as an investment destination and an innovation hub has been the politics of hate and caste-communal polarisation perpetuated by the Bommai government. The bounden duty of the State is to uphold the Constitution and the law as also to punish those spreading enmity on the grounds of caste or religion. Do Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister Bommai not have faith in the Constitution and the law? In fact, the superficial politics of BJP is an antithesis to the very concept of Hinduism and Indianness.

The infirmity of thought process and malicious prejudice carried in the minds of BJP leaders prevent them from comprehending the very meaning of Hindu dharma. Hinduism is compassion. Hinduism is sacrifice. Hinduism is a sense of duty to other beings. Hinduism is *nyaya* – justice for all. Hinduism depicts *Vasudev Kutumbukum* – the whole world is my family.

Those – including the Prime Minister – who use Lord Ram or Lord Hanuman for political polarisation or vote garnering actually disrespect and insult the very tenets of Hinduism. May Lord Ram and Bajarangbali pardon their ignorance and malintent.

Are you hoping that your demand for caste census will counter the Hindutva narrative?

Social justice and equality is the life and blood of India's polity. The Congress government at the Centre conducted a caste census which was completed in the year 2014. The Congress government headed by Shri Siddaramaiah also conducted a caste census in Karnataka. Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minster Bommai have refused to release the caste census data. This reflects their anti-poor, anti-SC/ST [Scheduled Castes and Tribes] and anti-OBC [Other Backward Classes] mindset. If the caste numbers are known, it would enable the State government to distribute its resources in proportion to the population of SC/ST and OBCs.

You have inducted several people from the BJP and RSS. Were you desperate?

BJP suffocates leadership, stifles expression of opinion and only wants subservient puppets singing to the tunes of the Modi band. It was, therefore, natural [that] senior leaders like former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar and former Deputy CM Laxman Savadi decided to move away from BJP.

How will the Karnataka outcome impact the next round of Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan?

Every election is different but Karnataka and the country have a commonality of issues that will resonate everywhere. Why should a gas cylinder that was priced at ₹400 in 2014 cost ₹1,100 today? Why should the price of petrol cross the ₹100 mark and diesel hover at ₹90 per litre? Why should the Modi government collect ₹25 lakh crore from Central excise and cess on petrol and diesel alone? Price rise, joblessness, wealth disparity and the politics of hate, all issues need answers and will remain relevant in every election.

The Congress has spoken openly about Muslim rights and insecurities. Does this mark a change in the party's strategy, and will it endure?

The dharma of the government is to uphold the Constitution and the law for both the majority and the minority. Equal opportunity, justice, safety and security of every citizen, be of majority or minority is the bounden duty of the government.

It does not matter whether you are a Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh or a Buddhist, all have equal constitutional rights.

The Congress formula is: equality for all, discrimination towards none. This is the fundamental principle of the Constitution as enacted by Shri Babasaheb Ambedkar.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
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No.: 169 Date: 26/04/2023

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Construction of Balance Cantilever Bridge at Garkhal on Lumpsum Basis.	Bid Security INR 56.85 lakhs	Rs. 5,900	24 months	22.74 Cr. Incl. 18% GST	May 15, 2023	June 12, 2023

The detailed Request for Bids (RFB) Notice, Bidding Document alongwith other necessary information will be available on https://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html & https://hptenders.gov.in/ link.

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Office of the Chief Engineer e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Adv.No.09/D3/CE/TTD/2023-24, NIT No.18/SE-I/2023-24 NIT NO.36/SE-II/2023-24 Dt.06/05/2023
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Office of District Collector and District Magistrate
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F.No- 230 Dated: 05.05.2023

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INBRIEF

President urges students to live in harmony with nature

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday exhorted students to adapt to a lifestyle which was harmonious with nature and would help the world face the challenges of global warming as well as climate change. Addressing the 12th convocation ceremony of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University at Baripada in Odisha, Ms. Murmu hailed the university for establishing a "sacred grove" on its campus. During her visit, she also met people belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups and encouraged them to pursue their aspirations.

Rijiju launches trailer of first movie in Tagin language

Films are the biggest promoters of a culture or a place, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said after launching the trailer of the first movie in the Tagin language of his home State Arunachal Pradesh on Saturday. He said the film *Love in 90s* shall be tax-free and that he would ask the State government to promote it. The film, directed by Tapen Natam, explores the culture of the Tagin community and presents it to the whole country and the world, Mr. Rijiju said, while urging people to watch it. He added that the National Institute of Film and Television coming up at Itanagar would promote the art and culture of the region. Playback singer Mohit Chauhan was also present at the launch held in New Delhi.

Woman TV journalist, two others arrested in Ludhiana

The police have arrested a woman journalist and two other people in Ludhiana for allegedly hitting a woman while speeding in their car, and then hurling casteist abuses at her on Friday. "Those arrested have been identified as Bhawna Kumari (Kishore), Mrityunjay Kumar and driver Parminder Singh," the Punjab Police said. The complainant, Gagan, alleged she was on her way to attend the inauguration of a clinic when a car hit her causing injury on her right hand. A case was filed under Sections 279, 337 and 427 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Sections 3 and 4 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Three-time former BJP MLA from M.P. joins Congress

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Deepak Joshi – a former State Cabinet Minister, a three-time MLA, and the son of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, the late Kailash Joshi – joined the Congress on Saturday. Mr. Joshi, who joined the Congress carrying a portrait of his father at the party's State headquarters in Bhopal, accused the Shivraj Singh-led BJP government and the BJP organisation of not respecting the legacy of Kailash Joshi. Mr. Joshi blamed the BJP government for not constructing a memorial to his father despite Congress leader and former Chief Minister Kamal Nath having sanctioned land for the purpose.

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'China will want to make India's U.S. ties costly'

What's changing now is that the competition between U.S. and China is intensifying at precisely the moment that New Delhi is drawing conclusions about Beijing following the Galwan incident, says Assistant Professor at the School of International Service at the American University

INTERVIEW

Joseph Torigian

Ananth Krishnan

In the months since China's Party Congress in October, protests around the country in November, and the sudden withdrawal of the 'zero-COVID' policy the following month, the ruling Communist Party of China is looking to course correct, says Joseph Torigian, Global Fellow at the Wilson Center's History and Public Policy Program and an Assistant Professor at the School of International Service at the American University, Washington DC, who researches the elite politics of authoritarian regimes and is currently visiting India. Edited excerpts:

How do you assess Xi's position as he starts his third term?

Around the time of the 20th Party Congress, many outside observers were very sceptical about China's future. They looked at the ideological and security-focused language that surrounded the congress and the promotion of individuals with very close ties to Xi Jinping. Outside the halls of the congress, China's economy was suffering from zero-COVID and the real estate crackdown. Beijing was facing poor relations with many key powers.

But in the months since, we have seen some pretty significant course correction. The economy is doing better. Xi has launched a global initiative to improve China's reputation. What these changes tell us is that it's dangerous to predict the future of China based on current trends. It also tells us that Xi is still a politician capable of manoeuvre and tactical flexibility. That doesn't mean the reasons for why the CCP has struggled to manage China's economy and foreign policy will go away. It just means that Beijing pursues multiple, somewhat conflicting goals at the same time, and will integrate strategy and tactics in ways that are somewhat hard to predict.

Last year, things looked pretty bleak for Beijing. How was Xi able to come out politically unscathed?

I think the answer is that Chinese politics is not a popularity contest. As a Leninist party, it's an organisational weapon, and one of its key principles is to firewall the top leaders' authority from the exigencies of political exchange. Xi has an impressive Machiavellian toolbox, which includes a special relationship with the military, access to compromising material, the right to decide when meetings are held and on what topics, and an ideological apparatus that equates him with the Party. So that means even when Party leaders might be unhappy with Xi's actions, they share an understanding that the system risks collapse without a core leader that can make final decisions...

We keep seeing these assertions that because Xi Jinping is the top leader, that means that policies are associated with him, and therefore he can't move away from them. But at the same time, precisely because he is such a dominant leader, he can get away with these shifts. Zero-COVID was associated with him, but when it was decided that they were going to move away from zero-COVID, they did, and it didn't really have any impact on Xi's authority.

What explains why we haven't been able to discern any kind of elite pushback?

What is going on right now in China is hard to say, but at the same time when we look to history, where we have a better grasp, we see certain continuities in the system that make it very, very hard for someone to oppose the top leader even if they dislike the policies that are being enacted. That's because your immediate concern isn't whether policies are good or bad, but protecting yourself.

On the foreign policy front, we have seen a flurry of diplomatic activity from Beijing at the start of the third term, from the new Global Civilisation Initiative (GCI) to the unexpected Saudi-Iran deal. What's driving this?

After the 20th Party Congress, the party leadership had more bandwidth to focus on the outside world. They clearly saw a need to address China's worsening reputation, which had suffered for a whole host of reasons.

Broadly speaking, many of the initiatives are intended to improve Beijing's relations with the Global South, Europe and Russia as competition with the United States heats up. We have seen some success. A lot of what Beijing says is popular outside of the West, and as the recent Emmanuel Macron trip showed, even in Europe, there is some desire to constrain the competitive elements of the relationship.

On U.S.-China relations, is there a sense that Beijing is resigned to, and preparing for, the relationship continuing on a confrontational path?

I think Xi Jinping is someone who has always believed that the U.S. would never tolerate the rise of a Communist country in the international system. But even within that context, the PRC clearly finds American behaviour as increasingly aggressive. Most seriously, China and the U.S. both believe that the other is trying to change the status quo in the Taiwan Strait, which is the biggest challenge. Both sides will occasionally try to prevent the relationship from deteriorating too much, so there will be ups and downs, but for structural reasons, and unexpected events like the balloon, it's hard to imagine a fundamental change anytime soon.

It's unambiguous that the Taiwan issue is a deeply personal and emotional one for Xi Jinping. This is someone who talks about a legacy bequeathed to him by his ancestors not to allow any Chinese land to escape from Beijing...I think the danger isn't that an invasion is imminent, unless the calculations I just described change, but that China could feel a need to create risk for the United States to warn off Washington, and then an accident happens. And when the political atmosphere is charged in the way that it is right now, something like that could be very dangerous.

Given the abiding focus on the U.S., is China now looking at other relationships, including with India, largely from the point of view of relations with the U.S.? Is that going to inform how China engages with India?

Looking at the Cold War, China has historically seen the subcontinent through the lens of geopolitics with regard to the United States, but also Russia. What's changing now is that the competition between the United States and China is intensifying at precisely the moment that leaders in New Delhi are drawing conclusions about Beijing following the Galwan incident. The future remains to be seen, as China will be concerned about pushing India too far in the direction of the United States, but also will want to make India's relationship with the U.S. costly.

Full interview at bit.ly/Torigian

Proposed oil refinery project leaves villages in the Konkan belt fuming

While some villagers voice concern about the impact of the multibillion-dollar Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. on environment, agriculture and land rights, others support it believing that the project will create employment

Abhinay Deshpande
RATNAGIRI

The lush greenery of mango orchards and jackfruit trees offers a welcome relief from the blazing May sun on the Rajapur laterite plateau of Maharashtra's coastal Ratnagiri district. Yet, amid the serene surroundings, residents of six villages – Barsu, Solgaon, Devache Gothane, Shivne, Goval, and Dhopeshwar – have been at odds for the past two weeks over two major issues: environment and development.

A section of villagers support the proposed multibillion-dollar Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. (RRPCL) project discreetly, believing that it will create much-needed employment in the Konkan region. Others oppose it, voicing concerns about its impact on the environment and the local community's livelihoods and land rights.

Facing the heat: Protests began on April 25, with nearly a 1,000 people showing up at the work site every day. EMMANUAL YOGINI

"We don't want such poisonous projects in Konkan. Nature comes first for us. The government is promising to provide employment to locals in that refinery, but every year we are providing employment to hundreds," said Kashinath Gorle, 60, from Shivne village, adding that people from other States and even Nepal come to work here. Despite not owning any land, Mr. Gorle has emerged as the face of the anti-refinery protests. The Konkan region is ecologically sensitive, with several species of flora and fauna endemic to the area. Apart from agriculture – cashew and paddy plantations are also a part of the landscape – fishing is critical to the local economy. The concern is that this ecosystem will be disrupted.

At Barsu, people reacted to the commencement of soil-testing work on April 25 by staging protests that are still on, with about 1,000 people showing up daily.

A police force that at its height reached 1,800 personnel came out to maintain order. On the first day, over 700 protesters were detained, and cases booked against 111 people under sections relating to rioting, unlawful assembly, and disobedience to public order.

"They are trying to take our lands by using police force. We are not ready to surrender our precious lands so that they can 'murder' nature. The movement has become a freedom struggle for the Konkani people," said Prakash Gurav, 46, from Solegoan, waiting to interact with former Chief Minister and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray, on the outskirts of their village.

Mr. Thackeray had suggested Barsu as an alternative site for the project instead of the initial proposal at Nanar in the same taluk, after he became Chief Minister in 2019. He now claims he was misled by "some people" (in an indirect reference to his rival and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and some MLAs from the Konkan region).

"Do you think I would succumb to their pressure and betray the people of Konkan? At that time, I was told that the people of Konkan want this project for the development of the region. Based on their suggestion I wrote to the Centre suggesting Barsu as an alternative site. Clearly, I was misled," he said, responding to a question from *The Hindu*. The coastal Konkan region is the Sena's traditional bastion. Seen against the 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, the party cannot afford to anger voters.

VHP issues legal notice to Kharge for defamation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Chandigarh unit of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Saturday issued a legal notice to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accusing him of making defamatory remarks against its offshoot, the Bajrang Dal.

The right-wing organisation demanded a compensation of ₹100 crore from the Congress president for the same.

The Congress, in its election manifesto in the Karnataka poll, had claimed that if it came to power, the party would take a firm and decisive action against individuals and organisations such as the Bajrang Dal and the Popular Front of India (PFI) that spread hatred in society in the name of caste and religion.

The VHP notice said that the Bajrang Dal believed in tolerance, religious unity, national integrity and service towards the nation.

10 Indian languages to get technical-term dictionaries

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Education, is working on technical and scientific terminology in 10 Indian languages that are under-represented in the learning landscape.

The CSTT will bring out what it calls fundamental (basic) dictionaries with 5,000 words per language, in three or four months. These will be in digital, searchable format, and free of cost. About 1,000-2,000 copies will be printed in each language.

Bodo, Santhali, Dogri, Kashmiri, Konkani, Nepali, Manipuri, Sindhi, Maithili and Sanskrit are a part of the list of 22 official languages of India according to the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. However, there is a paucity of study material in these languages, primarily because of a lack of words to describe scientific phenomena and technical terms. The sparse content available has been confined to the primary-school level that used English words when regional vocabulary was unavailable.

At present, there is very little learning material available in these languages. ISTOCKPHOTO

The immediate task is to cover 15 disciplines: journalism, public administration, chemistry, botany, zoology, psychology, physics, economics, Ayurveda, mathematics, computer science, political science, agriculture, civil and electrical engineering. These will enable textbook formulation at the middle- and senior-school as well as university levels.

Wide distribution

The dictionaries will be distributed to State education boards, universities, engineering institutes, and the National Testing Agency that conducts entrance examinations such as the Common University Entrance Test (CUET), Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main, and University Grants Commission (UGC)-National Eligibility Test (NET) to aid in preparation of content.

The language list, when created in 1950, had 14 languages. Sindhi was added in 1967; Konkani, Manipuri and Nepali in 1992; and Bodo, Dogri, Maithili and Santhali in 2004.

"There is a lack of content and linguistic resources in these 10 languages, leading to a lack of availability of learning material in these languages," said Girish Nath Jha, chairperson of the CSTT.

The CSTT, which was set up in 1961, has the mandate of evolving technical terminology in all Indian languages. The organisation is finalising several memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with prominent institutes, including IIT Bombay, for quick online dissemination. The move assumes importance as the National Education Policy 2020 has espoused the use of regional languages as a medium of education in both school and college.

A session at the Legislative Assembly hall in Bengaluru in 2018. FILE PHOTO

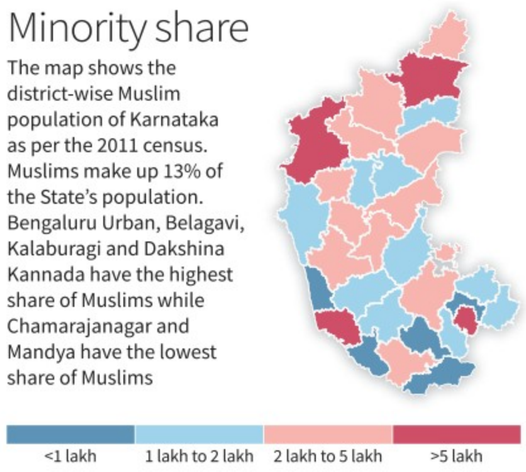
Radical changes brought to Land Reforms Act

The Karnataka (then Mysore) Assembly that was formed after the 1972 elections is seen as radical since, for the first time, it had a large number of Ahinda (acronym for minority, backward and Dalit communities) members compared with those from dominant castes. It also had communists such as B.V. Kakkilaya, Neelappa and M.S. Krishnan. This Assembly brought about radical changes to the Land Reforms Act, 1961. It is said that the changes were introduced, thanks to pressure from socialist members. The reforms abolished tenancy, and ceilings on landholdings were significantly reduced. These "land to tiller" reforms were regarded as a landmark in Karnataka's agrarian history. However, some of these provisions were changed in 2020 when B.S. Yediyurappa was the Chief Minister.

Poll bugle: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing a public meeting ahead of the polls in Belagavi. ANI

Minority share

The map shows the district-wise Muslim population of Karnataka as per the 2011 census. Muslims make up 13% of the State's population. Bengaluru Urban, Belagavi, Kalaburagi and Dakshina Kannada have the highest share of Muslims while Chamarajanagar and Mandya have the lowest share of Muslims



So near, yet so far: a study in turnout gaps

While the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) area is notorious for low voter turnout, four of the five constituencies with the highest turnout in 2018 are in close proximity to Bengaluru. The top two electoral districts with highest turnout were Chikkaballapur at 84.06% and Ramanagara at 83.28%.

BJP leaders are intimidating people. They are openly saying there will be riots if BJP is defeated

SONIA GANDHI
Former Congress president

How the narratives on caste drown out other voices and issues in the electoral arena

With attempts to change caste equations and rampant speculation on which community leader will get to be Chief Minister, livelihood matters such as price rise and issues related to corruption did not gain enough campaign time this election

NEWS ANALYSIS

K.V. Aditya Bhardwaj
Sathish G.T.
BENGALURU/SHIVAMOGGA

As the campaign for the Assembly election in Karnataka draws to a close, it is clear that caste narratives and calculations have overwhelmed the real issues confounding the people of the State for most part.

While the Congress did talk of price rise and corruption, the caste plank – of BJP allegedly sidelining Lingayats or of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar appealing for a Vokkaliga Chief Minister – has overtaken the former set of narratives over the past two months.

Vinay Sreenivasa of Bahutva Karnataka, a coalition of progressive organisations, said that even the Opposition parties did not pick up on the sector wise report cards on the performance of the incumbent government that they released to put the government on the mat. "For instance, the education sector has been hit severely under the BJP government in more ways than one. Not one leader spoke about it," he said.

Farmers' leader Badagalpura Nagendra had a similar complaint. "Farmers' issues were never discussed during the campaign. It was limited to mud slinging and caste narratives," he said.

Sidelined aspirations: Farmers burning the copies of manifestos of political parties in Mysuru on Saturday for not considering their demands. M.A. SRIRAM

> Nobody who identifies themselves with their caste or community will be truly neutral to all the people of the State

The CM's identity

The campaign was dominated by claims to the chief ministership based on caste identities. H.D. Kumaraswamy set the cat among pigeons when he said "Peshwa Brahmins" of North Karnataka were sidelining the Lingayats in the BJP to occupy the CM chair. This narrative gained currency as Jagadish Shettar quit BJP to join the Congress. As the Congress attacked the BJP over the "sidelining" of Lingayats including B. S. Yediyurappa, the BJP hit back by reminding people of the "ill-treatment" of former Lingayat Chief Minister S. Nijalingappa and Veerendra Patil by the Congress.

Karnataka has seen 23 Chief Ministers since 1947. Of them, nine are Lingayats, seven Vokkaligas, two Brahmins, and five from the OBC communities. Karnataka has not seen a Dalit or a Muslim Chief Minister.

The Justice Bhaktavatsalam Committee recently found out that even among 802 OBC communities, only 156 had achieved political representation and 644 had no political representatives even at the panchayat levels, let alone in the Assembly. The dominance of some communities in the corridors of power in Karnataka has drowned out the voices of smaller communities and those lower in the caste hierarchy.

Social activist Vivekananda H.K. said the decision on who is to be Chief Minister appears to singularly revolve around caste calculations. "Why do we identify the Chief Minister with the community he was born into? Nobody who identifies with caste or community will be truly neutral to all the people of the State," he said.

"The Vokkaligas and Lingayats seem to feel they, being the dominant land owning communities of the State, have a legitimate claim to chief ministership," said political scientist Muzaffar Assadi.

The Ahinda (minorities, OBCs and Dalits) have failed to counter this dominance due to divisions among themselves, said another political observer A. Narayana. "The problem is that Ahinda is not united and there is no collective political consciousness or ambition from this block to political power," he said.

BJP's experiment

This time around, there are some attempts at shifting the traditional caste calculations in Karnataka by the BJP, using the Hindutva plank.

"The ongoing Hindutva experiment in the State by BJP wants to tame the claims of Vokkaligas and Lingayats to power, even as it wants them to subsume their caste identity and vote based on Hindutva. However, in my opinion, Karnataka is not a State where this will work. We will see how this may pan out in this election," Professor Assadi said.

Party loyalty remains a minor factor for citizens to cast their vote, says survey

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

While political parties depend on their vote banks, a baseline survey commissioned by the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for Karnataka indicates that political party sympathy is a minor motivating factor for voters to participate in elections.

A team of researchers from the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), led by S. Madheswaran, Professor and Head of Centre for Economic Studies and Policy at the Institute, surveyed 4,452 persons from 45 Assembly constituencies spread over 23 districts. The Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) Baseline Survey 2023 captures the respondents' attitude towards elections by looking at their motivations and influencing factors. The survey revealed that party sympathy is a motivating factor in 4.4% of the respondents. This aspect was found to be higher in urban areas at 5.6%, as against 3.2% in rural areas.

The survey shows that at the aggregate level, a larger share of respondents (79.3%) have reported that the most important reason for voting is that they consider it their right/duty.

'Good' candidate

Over half of the respondents (51.1%) said they were motivated to vote as the candidate was good. Other important motivations include – 'I got registered on the electoral roll (13.1%)'; 'the candidate was of my choice and from my community and religion' (6.9%); and 'I wanted to defeat a particular candidate and/or a political party (5.4%)', according to the survey. The respondents were given multiple choice questions.

Men are more influenced by their friends, with 5.8% having reported that they voted because they were influenced to vote, while among women, it stands at 3.8%. While 3.1% of the respondents said that they cast their vote due to threat or coercion, 4.5% said they voted because the head of their family asked them to vote.

The age gap

Among senior citizens (respondents aged 61 and above), voting as a right/duty (84.2%) was followed by the choice of a good candidate (55.3%) as the two primary reasons to participate in the election process. On the other hand, casting a vote due to threat or coercion (0.5%) and being influenced by a free offer of money or liquor, are the least likely reasons for this group of respondents to obstruct their voting participation, as per the survey.

B. P. Vani, Associate Professor at the Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, ISEC, who is the co-author of the survey, said young voters (18-25 age cohorts) seem to give relatively less importance to casting their vote. As against 97.7% of senior citizens, only 71.2% of young voters participated in the electoral process, she said, quoting the survey. "This, despite all efforts by the Election Commission to increase awareness among youth," she pointed out.

The lack of an electoral identity card is one of the major reasons why 64.7% of eligible voters are not voting in the elections. This is followed by not receiving a voter slip as they do not belong to that particular constituent assembly, with 20.5% of the total respondents giving this as the reason for not casting a vote, she added.

Motivating factors

The table lists the various factors motivating the voters according to a survey commissioned by the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka

Reasons	Respondents (%)
Voting is right/duty	79.3
Candidate was good	51.1
Registered on the electoral roll	13.1
Candidate of my choice/community/religion	6.9
Defeat a particular candidate/political party	5.4
Influenced by friends	4.9
Party sympathy	4.4

Kanasinakatte shut the gates

The village has no transport service, poor mobile connectivity and no burial ground; so the people have decided to boycott the election

Sathish G.T.
KANASINAKATTE

The residents of Kanasinakatte (which literally means reservoir of dreams) – a village with around 1,200 voters in Bhadravathi taluk of Shivamogga district – have put up a banner at the entrance asking political leaders not to enter the village. They have boycotted the Assembly election, citing a lack of basic amenities, ranging from public transport and mobile connectivity to burial grounds. The village is about five kilometres from Hole Honnur, a town that falls under the Shivamogga Rural Assembly constituency.

Reaching this village is not easy. In fact, schoolchildren have to walk the five-km distance to their schools because there is no bus service to Kanasinakatte.

"Every day, more than 150 students, those in high schools and colleges, walk up to Hole Honnur. For the past four or five years, we have been appealing for bus service. But no one has responded," said Srinivas, who represents the village in the Sanya Kodamaggi gram panchayat. Additionally, during the COVID-19 lockdown, the students in the village had a tough time attending online classes due to poor network connectivity.

No entry: The banner asks party workers to keep off. G.T. SATHISH

United boycott

The villagers have appealed to the MLAs, and officers a number of times. "For years, we had two acres of land to bury the dead. However, recently, panchayat officials issued the *khata* (title deed) of the land in the name of an individual, stopping us from entering the place. Now, we do not have a burial ground either," rued Karibasavaiah, also a gram panchayat member.

The villagers took a united decision to boycott the election to highlight their problems. "We will not backtrack from our decision. There is no point in voting as nobody is coming forward to resolve our issues," said Malleshappa, a resident.

Kitchen confidential: pricier LPG has lit fire to voter rage in homes across villages and towns

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Homemaker Daulamma of Hira village in Raichur district shares a common concern with Kamalabai of Heggali village in Kalaburgi district and Holeyamma of Samanahalli of Shivamogga district in Karnataka.

As the price of LPG cylinders has increased, all three had to give up the ease of cooking they had become used to over the past decade. The rise in price of LPG – now at ₹1,105 a cylinder in Bengaluru as opposed to ₹585 in May 2020 – has hit them hard.

Moderate use

"We used LPG for all our needs as it was cheaper and provided ease of cooking compared with firewood. It was used for making rotis, cooking rice and even heating water for the bath. As the price of LPG rose, we used alternative fuel in the form of locally available fuelwood," Ms. Daulamma said. Ms. Kamalabai concurred and said that they now used LPG sparingly, for preparing tea when guests came home or for reheating food when speed was of the essence.

Like Ms. Daulamma and Ms. Kamalabai, Ms. Holeyamma now uses LPG in only "emergency" situations. "So, one cylinder is enough for four months for the family of five members," she said.

Several poor families in north Karnataka have reverted to using the *jali* plant (*Prosopis juliflora*), the stem of red-gram plant, cow-dung cakes, corncobs and other available material, at least partially, as fuel for cooking.

On fire: LPG cylinders are a luxury for lower income families. PTI

However, the lifestyle and LPG usage in villages close to cities such as Bengaluru and Mysuru are different. People in Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural and Mandya districts say that doing away with LPG is not an option now, as most homes have removed traditional fireplaces and sources of firewood too have dwindled. "Most important, youth in the marriageable age do not get brides if there is no LPG connection at their home," said Anasuya from Chikkenahalli village in Ramanagar district. "LPG is convenient and is also a status symbol," she added. Kunnamari Gowda in the same village said, "I am planning to take a loan and book a cylinder. By the time I repay the loan, it will be time to book another cylinder. This is the case with all the poor in this village."

Across manifestos

This election, the LPG cylinder has become a talking point with parties using it as a symbol to depict the rising prices affecting lower income families. While the Janata Dal(S) has announced five free cylinders annually, the Congress has announced a ₹2,000 monthly incentive under their Gruha Lakshmi guarantee to cover LPG expenses.

Surprisingly, even the ruling BJP, which remained mute to earlier agitations against price rise, has announced three free cylinders annually to coincide with festivals. Across Karnataka, there are 1.78 crore LPG connections, of which the Prime Minister's Ujwala Yojana connections amount to 37.57 lakh. The average booking in Karnataka in 2022-23 was 6.49 cylinders per connection and on an average, 97.77 lakh cylinders were sold every month. The coverage of LPG connections is 114% in Karnataka, show data. The LPG dealers association in the State complains of reduced or deferred bookings due to the high cost.

"Many households have moved to an electrical source of energy for cooking needs. Earlier, gas geysers were one of the cheaper ways to heat water, now many households have shifted to electricity geysers," a source in the association said. However, the data provided by the Indian Oil Corporation for LPG usage in Karnataka shows a year-on-year growth of 13.64% – from 2.12 lakh tonnes in 2021-22 to 2.4 lakh tonnes in 2022-23 for the PM's Ujwala Yojana. The overall domestic cylinder sales went up by 3.15% from 16.14 lakh tonnes in 2021-22 to 16.65 lakh tonnes in 2022-23.

(With inputs from Sathish G.T. and Kumar Buradikatti)

Coronation in frames: 1. Actor Emma Thompson departs Westminster Abbey after the coronation service of King Charles III and Queen Camilla in London on Saturday. 2. Prince William and Catherine after the coronation service. 3. Lord Patel presents the Sovereign's Ring, also called the Coronation Ring, to King Charles III . 4. People take part in a protest against the the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on Queen Street in Cardiff, Wales, on Saturday. GETTY IMAGES, REUTERS

Air raids in Sudan capital ahead of first direct talks

Agence France-Presse
KHARTOUM

Air strikes battered Sudan's capital on Saturday, as fighting entered a fourth week only hours before the warring parties are to meet in Saudi Arabia for their first direct talks.

Hundreds of people have been killed since the outbreak of the conflict on April 15.

In a joint statement, the U.S. and Saudi Arabia said Sudan's Army and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) would hold direct discussions in Jeddah on Saturday.

Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan confirmed "the presence of representatives" from both sides, but there was no immediate indication that the talks had begun. The Army confirmed it had sent envoys to Saudi Arabia to discuss "details of the truce in the process of being extended" with the RSF.

Pakistan and China vow to press ahead with CPEC

India is opposed to the $60 billion-worth CPEC as it passes through the PoK, giving China access to the Arabian Sea through the Gwadar port in Pakistan's Balochistan province

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

A day after India criticised the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the Foreign Ministers of Pakistan and China on Saturday expressed their firm commitment to continue their cooperation on the multi-billion dollar infrastructure projects.

This came at the 4th edition of the Pakistan-China Strategic Dialogue co-chaired by Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and his Chinese counterpart Qin Gang here. "Pakistan and China have reiterated their abiding commitment to the high-quality development of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project," state-run Radio Pakistan reported.

Overlapping interests: Qin Gang, left, and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari address a joint press conference in Islamabad on Saturday. AFP

Earlier, speaking at a press conference after the SCO Foreign Ministers' meeting in Goa, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said: "On the so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, I think it was made very clear, not once but twice in the SCO meeting, that connectivity is good for progress, but connectivity cannot violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity." Later, Mr. Bilawal addressing a joint press conference with Mr. Qin said this year marked the completion of a decade of CPEC, which has accelerated socio-economic development, job creation, and improvement of people's livelihoods in Pakistan.

The CPEC is a $60 billion project being laid through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) with China's assistance. India is opposed to the CPEC as it passes through the PoK, giving China access to the Arabian Sea through the Gwadar port in Pakistan's Balochistan province.

"This corridor project remains a win-win economic initiative opened to all investors around the world," Mr. Bilawal said, adding that Pakistan reiterated its "abiding commitment to its [CPEC's] high-quality development".

The Chinese Foreign Minister said China stood ready to work with Pakistan to promote the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), accelerate the CPEC construction, and deepen cooperation in fields such as industry, agriculture, information technology, and disaster prevention and mitigation, and help Pakistan restore its economy and improve people's livelihood.

Thousands cheer on at coronation party in U.K.

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Thousands of people turned central London red, white and blue on Saturday, with a sea of Union Jack flags lining the streets for the coronation of King Charles III.

While the coronation service was itself a sombre and sober affair, a celebratory atmosphere filled the British capital and beyond, despite wet weather.

Crowds across the capital cheered as the crown was placed on King Charles III's head at 12.02 p.m. (0432 IMT), then rushed down The Mall, the grand avenue leading to Buckingham Palace, in order to see the newly-crowned king on the balcony.

The crowd roared and chanted "God Save the King" as Charles and Queen Camilla emerged, both wearing their crowns, and then again as the Red Arrows aerobatic team flew over the palace, pumping out red, white and blue plumes.

Thorough fanfare: King Charles III and Queen Camilla leave Westminster Abbey after the coronation service. REUTERS

As the royal procession passed on the way to Westminster Abbey, a forest of arms rose as people captured images of the king with their mobile phones.

Street vendors joined the hardcore supporters in the clamour.

But not everyone was in a celebratory mood, with scores of republican protesters – many dressed in yellow and waving banners saying "Not my king" – gathered at Trafalgar Square.

"I'm here because I want to protest against this outdated monarchy, I want to protest because you shouldn't be head of state based on who you were born from," said republican Jane.

Hours earlier, London's Metropolitan police arrested several organisers from the anti-monarchy group Republic, in a move denounced by Human Rights Watch as draconian.

As drone hits pick up inside Russia, the war is coming home for Putin

Ksenia Kondratieva
MOSCOW

For months after the Ukraine war began, which Russia still calls a "special military operation", many ordinary Russians, particularly those whose families were spared from the mobilisation, saw the conflict as something that's happening far away from home. Not any more: with drones attacking the Kremlin, the seat of power in the Russian capital, just a few days before the Second World War Victory Day celebrations, the war is coming home for Russians.

The drones were shot down by the Russian military at 2.30 a.m. on May 3, just over the Kremlin's Senate Palace, which hosts the President's office and apartment.

The incident which the Kremlin classified as a "planned terrorist attack and an assassination attempt targeting the President "was immediately deemed as a huge insult to Moscow, and Mr. Putin personally. Ukraine denied involvement – as it did on all similar occasions in recent months – and alleged that the Kremlin staged a "false-flag operation".

"In my opinion, the version that the attack was staged by Russia is out of question," Ruslan Pukhov, director of Moscow-based Center for Analysis of Strategies and Technologies, told *The Hindu*. Given the technical aspect of the attack, he said he had been expecting something like this for a year now. "I think such attacks will continue."

Drones and explosives

Ukraine's strikes deep inside the Russian territory intensified in the past few days. On April 29, a fuel depot in the port city of Sevastopol, the capital of Crimea, caught fire after a drone attack. On May 1, a power line pole was blown up in the Gatchina region near St. Petersburg. On May 2, in the Bryansk region, railway tracks were damaged by detonation of an explosive device, derailing freight trains, in two separate incidents.

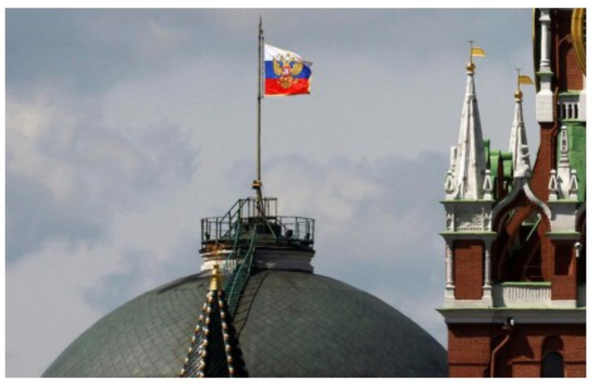
In December, Ukraine carried out a successful attack on Engels military airbase, near the city of Saratov, about 730 km southeast of Moscow. Residents of Belgorod, Bryansk and Kursk regions bordering Ukraine have also been witnessing artillery shelling and sabotage attacks on critical infrastructure almost on a daily basis after Russian troops were ousted from the Northern Kharkiv region in September last year. In March, a car carrying three children was shot at by pro-Ukrainian activists in Bryansk, killing two adults and injuring a 10-year old boy.

Ukraine hasn't officially taken responsibility for any of these attacks. However, in January, Ukraine Presidential adviser Mikhail Podolyak said in an interview with Russian opposition journalist Michael Naki that "escalation in the Russian domestic market will be inevitable" and that "in particular, cities that are "pampered" and "lazy" and thought they lived in a different reality, will be affected. Such cities as Moscow, St. Petersburg, Yekaterinburg".

The humiliating footage of a drone crashing over the dome of the Senate Palace of the Kremlin raised questions of Moscow's red lines, yet again.

Reacting to the attack, prominent politicians such as Mikhail Sheremet, State Duma deputy from Crimea, and Dmitry Medvedev, Russia's ex-President and Prime Minister who is currently Deputy Chairman of the Security Council, called for a strike on the residence of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv.

Dmitry Solonnikov, director of the St. Petersburg-based Institute of Modern State Development, in a conversation with *The Hindu*, criticised Russian politicians for "intimidating with strikes of retaliation", saying such comments only harm Russia's reputation. "Russia hasn't practically responded to such provocations before, and the only response to crossing all the "red lines" would be a complete victory in the "special military operation", with the fulfilment of the tasks set by the President of Russia," he said.



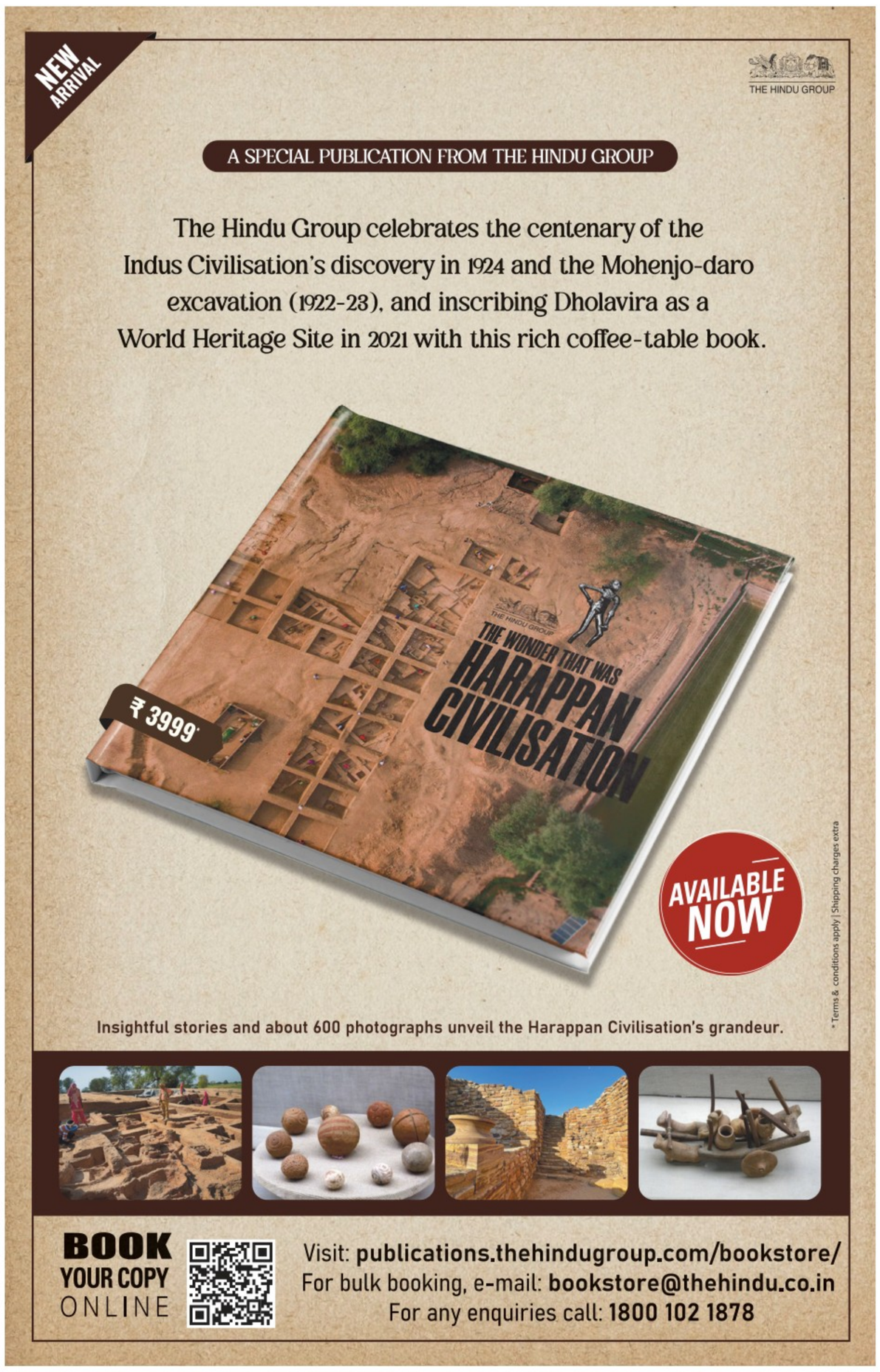
Caught unaware: The Kremlin's Senate Palace, which hosts the President's office, came under attack on Wednesday. REUTERS

Ukraine downs hypersonic missile

Associated Press
KYIV

Ukraine's Air Force claimed on Saturday to have downed a Russian hypersonic missile over Kyiv using newly acquired American Patriot defence systems, the first known time the country has been able to intercept one of Moscow's most modern missiles. Air Force commander Mykola Oleshchuk said that the Kinzhal-type ballistic missile was intercepted in an overnight attack on the Ukrainian capital earlier in the week. It was also the first time Ukraine is known to have used the Patriot defence systems.

The Kinzhal is one of the most advanced Russian weapons. Russia says the air-launched ballistic missile has a range of up to 2,000 km and flies at 10 times the speed of sound.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FDA approves first vaccine for respiratory syncytial virus

The Hindu Bureau

On May 3, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the first vaccine – Arexvy – for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) to lower respiratory tract disease in people older than 60 years. This is the first RSV vaccine to be approved anywhere in the world.

The vaccine is manufactured by the company, GSK, and the FDA approval was based on a phase-3 trial carried out on nearly 25,000 participants. About 12,500 participants received one dose of the vaccine, while the remaining participants received a placebo. The trail showed that a single dose of the vaccine reduced the risk of people, older than 60 years, developing lower respiratory tract disease caused by the RSV virus by 82.6% and reduced the risk of developing severe disease by 94.1%.

The results were published in February in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Comorbidities

According to the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, lower respiratory tract disease caused by the RSV virus leads to approximately 60,000-1,20,000 hospitalisations and 6,000-10,000 deaths among adults who are 65 years of age and older. The RSV virus significantly affects older adults with comorbidities. Like the common cold, the RSV usually causes mild symptoms but can turn deadly if it infects older people.

Besides older adults, infants too are at high risk from RSV. According to the Atlanta-based CDC, every year, 58,000 to 80,000 children in the U.S. who are younger than five years are hospitalised because of the RSV and the mortality is 100 to 300.

As per a GSK press release, the vaccine will be available for older adults in the U.S. before the 2023-2024 RSV season, which typically starts ahead of the winter months.

Two more vaccines for RSV by Pfizer and Moderna have already completed clinical trials on adults older than 60 years and may soon be approved by the FDA. While the vaccine developed by Pfizer is protein-based, Moderna has used mRNA technology, like in the case of the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, to develop the RSV vaccine.

GSK is also testing the vaccine in adults aged 50-59 years, including participants with underlying comorbidities. The results are expected by the end of this year.

As per a January 2023 press release by Moderna, its vaccine has 83.7% efficacy in preventing RSV-associated lower respiratory tract disease. It was tested on nearly 37,000 adults, 60 years or older in 22 countries.

Scientists help find new kind of molecular motor

The molecular motor does not produce a back-and-forth action, as most motors do, but allows a molecule to change its flexibility between two states

Vasudevan Mukunth

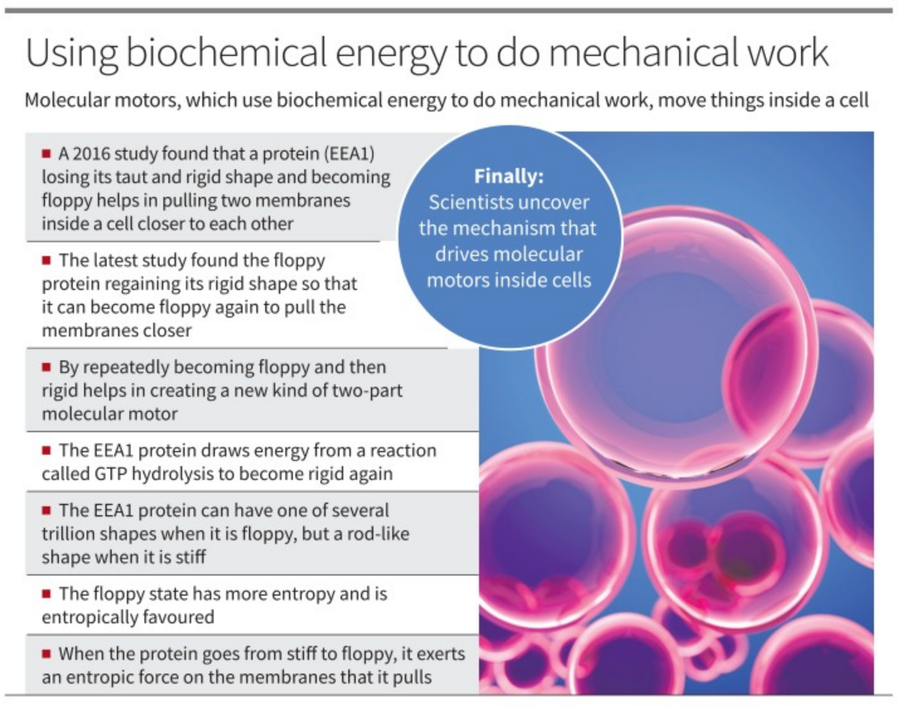
An international team of researchers, including from the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru, has reported a new kind of molecular motor. The finding, significant in its own right, opens the door to previously unanticipated cellular processes and potential applications in biology and medicine.

Their paper was published in *Nature Physics* on May 4.

Each cell in the body is a complex soup of electrochemical reactions that produce energy, but they are not enough. Cells also need to move things, such as pull two organelles together, move cargo towards and away from the nucleus, and power the movement of subcellular molecules. Many of these actions are driven by molecular motors, which use biochemical energy to do mechanical work.

"Disruption or deregulation in these processes can lead to deleterious effects which can manifest as different diseases," Saikat Chowdhury, a senior scientist at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, said in an email. He wasn't involved in the new study.

In a 2016 paper, researchers from Australia and Germany reported that when an enzyme called Rab5 binds to a long protein called EEA1, the protein loses its taut and rigid shape and becomes floppy. This 'collapse' pulls two membranes inside a cell closer to each other.


Using biochemical energy to do mechanical work
Molecular motors, which use biochemical energy to do mechanical work, move things inside a cell
A 2016 study found that a protein (EEA1) losing its taut and rigid shape and becoming floppy helps in pulling two membranes inside a cell closer to each other
The latest study found the floppy protein regaining its rigid shape so that it can become floppy again to pull the membranes closer
By repeatedly becoming floppy and then rigid helps in creating a new kind of two-part molecular motor
The EEA1 protein draws energy from a reaction called GTP hydrolysis to become rigid again
The EEA1 protein can have one of several trillion shapes when it is floppy, but a rod-like shape when it is stiff
The floppy state has more entropy and is entropically favoured
When the protein goes from stiff to floppy, it exerts an entropic force on the membranes that it pulls
Finally:
Scientists uncover the mechanism that drives molecular motors inside cells

In the new study, researchers have reported that EEA1 regains its rigid shape in another mechanism so that it can become floppy again to pull the membranes closer, creating a new kind of two-part molecular motor.

When the 2016 paper was published, it was unclear whether EEA1 could resume its rigid shape, so that the whole process could repeat itself without the help of other proteins.

The researchers reasoned that it had to resume its stiffer shape because EEA1 works on thousands of membranes, and creating a molecule as big as the protein for every membrane pair would be wasteful. At more than 200 nm, EEA is more than 100x longer than typical proteins.

According to Dr. Chowdhury, a long-standing question in the field is how EEA1-like molecules go back to their elongated conformation, which has been addressed for the first time.

The researchers of the latest study reported that EEA1 draws energy from a reaction called GTP hydrolysis to become rigid again. The GTP hydrolysis is mediated by enzymes called GTPases. Rab5 is one such.

"Due to the ubiquitous pairing of small GTPases with such long molecules in eukaryotic cells, we believe this will mark a new class of molecular machines that operate as motors in a unique way and with novel collective effects," Shashi Thutupalli, from the Simons Centre for the Study of Living Machines, NCBS, and a coauthor of the study, said in an email.

His collaborators are with the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, and the Cluster of Excellence Physics of Life, TU Dresden (both in Germany).

They have reported several novelties in their findings. The motor does not produce a lever-like back-and-forth action, as most motors do, but allows a molecule to change its flexibility between two states. Also, most molecular motors get their energy from another molecule called ATP, whereas the Rab5-EEA1 motor uses GTP.

"Almost all the other motors that we know 'walk': they go one way," Dr. Thutupalli said, whereas "this motor... collapses and extends again, in the same place".

EEA1 can have one of several trillion shapes when it is floppy, but it can have only one (rod-like) shape when it is stiff. The floppy state has more entropy and is "entropically favoured", according to Dr. Thutupalli.

So when it goes from stiff to floppy, it exerts an entropic force on the membranes that it pulls.

"No other motor uses this force," he said.

Elucidating how a single molecule moves inside a cell is difficult, Dr. Thutupalli said two students, Anupam Singh and Joan Antoni Soler, found a "clever" way. Instead of studying the whole protein, they attached a small fluorescent molecule to one end of EEA1, "like a fly atop the Qutub Minar".

Then, they used fluorescence correlation spectroscopy to track how the fluorescent molecule moved as Rab5 and EEA1 interacted. They combined these observations with a concept in mechanics that lets engineers calculate the stiffness of an object by observing just one end.

Aside from throwing light on membrane fusion by EEA1, the study "also provides a general mechanism applicable for many such mechanochemical proteins or assemblies which harness the chemical energy of nucleotide hydrolysis for mechanical work in the cell," Dr. Chowdhury said.

Wastewater study detects a large, silent wave in Bengaluru

R. Prasad

The XBB.1.16 Omicron recombinant first detected in India on December 25, 2022 has become the dominant variant in the country. Based on 2,856 genome sequences from India posted on GISAID between December 1, 2022 and April 8, 2023, a team led by Dr. Rajesh P. Karyakarte, Head of the Microbiology Department at the BJ Medical College, Pune found that the XBB.1.16 lineage had grown from 9.3% in the first week of February to 79.17% in the first week of April. The results of the study, which is yet to be peer-reviewed, was posted on medRxiv preprint server.

The number of cases in India detected through RT-PCR testing began to slowly rise in the first week of March and reached a peak on April 19 with 12,591 infections and a daily test positivity rate of 4.39%.

In contrast, environmental surveillance carried out by testing sewage water samples from 28 sewage treatment plants spread across Bengaluru by the Tata Institute for Genetics and Society (TIGS) has revealed the true extent of spread of the virus in the city. One sample collected once a week from each of the 28 treatment plants shows that RNA fragments found in the sewage water began increasing from early-March and peaked on April 1.

At its peak, over 80,000 virus copies per ml were present in the city. That would mean that thousands of people were infected in Bengaluru alone.

Wastewater samples

"We find only RNA fragments of the virus and not the virus particle itself in wastewater samples. Since one infected individual can shed 10 million copies, it is possible to calculate the number of infected people by taking into consideration the total volume of wastewater treated in each plant," says Dr. Rakesh Mishra, director, TIGS, which has been undertaking environmental surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 in Bengaluru since August 2021.

Reality: In Bengaluru alone, thousands would have been infected by XBB.1.16. GETTY IMAGES

"It appears that Bengaluru witnessed an invisible wave of COVID-19 that was far bigger than the third wave driven by BA.1 and BA.2 Omicron variants in January 2022," he says. And this must be the case across India as XBB.1.16 had spread across the country in March-April.

"Since the treatment plants are spread across Bengaluru, we can tell which area of the city has a greater number of infected people by measuring the pathogen load. Wastewater surveillance can provide a granular picture of infections in the city. And this will help in advising and cautioning the civic authorities about any new variant or increase in infections even when it is not apparent," he says.

Reluctance

Not only has daily testing numbers dropped sharply, people have become reluctant to get tested even when symptoms are obvious. In many instances, the infected remain asymptomatic.

Wastewater testing is an active form of environmental surveillance, and has been in place for decades in the case of polio. It provides a fairly accurate measure of pathogen load in the wastewater and by extension, the extent of virus spread in the community. The biggest advantage is that wastewater surveillance does not require infected people getting tested nor testing facilities to be in place. Testing of wastewater for RNA fragments is also fairly easy.

"We share the results of wastewater surveillance with the civic authorities (BBMP) every week. We have been able to undertake this surveillance due to the willingness of the civic authorities," says Dr. Mishra. "With the SARS-CoV-2 virus here to stay, and the virus continuing to evolve, it is essential to undertake environmental surveillance in every city in the next one-two years."

SNAPSHOTS

Pheromone deters migratory locusts from cannibalism

Swarming migratory locusts – which threaten food security across the globe – avoid being eaten by other locusts by producing a smelly pheromone called phenylacetonitrile (PAN), according to a new study (*Science*). The discovery of an anti-cannibalistic signalling pathway in locusts could provide a target for locust management strategies. Among species of locusts, cannibalism is common, and cannibalistic interactions have been implicated in the formation of damaging swarms.

Recycled gas feeds a galaxy in early universe, says study

Streams of intergalactic gas, enriched with elements heavier than helium, encircle and spiral into a massive galaxy, researchers report (*Science*). The findings provide evidence of enriched gas recycling during galaxy formation in the early universe. Galaxies form through the accretion of gas from the circumgalactic medium (CGM) and intergalactic medium (IGM), which condenses into stars. It has been shown that cold stream accretion provides fuel for the star formation rate of galaxies in the early universe.

Atmospheric dust helps nourish ocean ecosystems

Nutrients derived from atmospheric dust deposited on an ocean's surface play a key role in mediating global phytoplankton biomass distributions (*Science*). Some vital nutrients for phytoplankton growth are provided through the atmospheric deposition of desert dust. Using a 14-year global time series of modelled dust deposition, researchers investigated the impact of atmospheric nourishment on global phytoplankton distributions.

Question Corner

Black hole

Have scientists detected a nearby black hole devouring a star?

Once every 10,000 years or so, the centre of a galaxy lights up as its supermassive black hole rips apart a passing star. This tidal disruption event happens in a literal flash, as the central black hole pulls in stellar material and blasts out huge amounts of radiation in the process. Astronomers know of 100 tidal disruption events (TDE) in distant galaxies, based on the burst of light that arrives at telescopes on earth and in space. Most of this light comes from X-rays and optical radiation. Researchers, turning past the conventional X-ray, have discovered a new tidal disruption event, shining brightly in infrared. It is one of the first times scientists have directly identified a TDE at infrared wavelengths, says a release. The new outburst happens to be the closest tidal disruption event observed to date. The flare was found in NGC 7392, a galaxy that is 137 million light-years from earth, which corresponds to a region in our cosmic backyard that is one-fourth the size of the next-closest TDE.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

The Machiavelli of Maharashtra

Sharad Pawar

The NCP leader, who in a surprise move announced his resignation as the party leader only to take it back three days later, amid rumours of growing internal discontent, has remained a pivotal figure in State politics for over six decades

Shoumojit Banerjee

If the 18th century statesman of the Maratha Empire, Nana Phadnavis, was called the 'Maratha Machiavelli' by European visitors to the Peshwa court, that moniker today would undoubtedly belong to the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo, Sharad Pawar.

Arguably one of Maharashtra's tallest leaders in the last quarter of the 20th century, the 82-year-old, whose name has become a byword for regional Indian realpolitik, remains a pivotal figure of the State and country's politics today and the only Opposition leader whom Prime Minister Narendra Modi defers to.

A lot of ink has been expended in gauging every move in Mr. Pawar's eventful 63-year political career. A catalyst who has changed the chemistry of regional politics, his career facts are well-known: undefeated in his 56 years of electoral politics since he first became MLA from Baramati (in Pune district) in 1967; the youngest Chief Minister of Maharashtra at age 38 in 1978, he helmed the State in that capacity a total four times; holder of vital union Cabinet portfolios like Defence and Agriculture in previous Congress-led governments at the Centre.

While his admirers laud his vision and contribution in the social and economic fields – the sprawling IT park at Pune, the cooperatives and agro-industries in western Maharashtra and so on – his detractors, several in his former party, the Congress, as well as his opponents, view him as a pragmatic opportunist, or worse, a "backstabber".

His latest blitz, which saw him suddenly announce his resignation as the party's national president on May 2 – and then take it back after three tense days which sparked anxiety among his allies while keeping intra-party and external rivals guessing – was characteristic of a classic 'Pawar stroke'.

The NCP, formed after breaking away from the Congress in 1999, is often viewed as a party without ideology – of sugar barons and businessmen, of a lobby of Maratha strongmen with entrenched rural interests.

In practice, while Mr. Pawar has never let ideology interfere with politics, he fondly speaks (in his memoir *On My Terms*) of the aura of socialist ideologies, owing to left-wing ideals of his beloved mother, Sharadabai, and the influence of the Peasants and Workers Party (PWP), a force to reckon with in the State in the 1940s and 50s.

But Mr. Pawar chose the Congress as his launch-pad, and came under the tutelage of his mentor, Maharashtra's first CM Yashwantrao Chavan, in whose footsteps he closely followed.

It was Chavan's articulation of the 'Bahujan Samaj' ideology – which in turn drew from the 'Brahmanetar' (non-Brahmin) movement of the 1930s – which saw Maratha leaders eventually become the dominant faction within the State Congress. Simultaneously, Chavan ushered in development through the network of agro-industries.

The young Pawar's politics were forged in the cauldron of a turmoil-racked Congress during the Emergency-era of 1977 (when the Congress lost the election to the Janata Party) and the volatile political history of the Maharashtra Congress, which was being riven by factionalism with the dominant Maratha lobby from western Maharashtra (to which Y.B. Chavan and Mr. Pawar belonged) and the factions from Marathwada and Vidarbha regions.

Cold war within Congress

The then PM, Indira Gandhi, with her aversion to Y.B. Chavan and the 'Maratha lobby', wanted to create her own base in Maharashtra by imposing her CM candidates like A.R. Antulay and Shankarrao Chavan, who were either non-Maratha or not hailing from western Maharashtra. This brought Mrs. Gandhi's group in the Maharashtra Congress into conflict with Mr. Pawar, a "young turk" belonging to Y.B. Chavan's camp. By then, Mr. Pawar had formed his splinter Congress faction – the Indian Congress (Secular).

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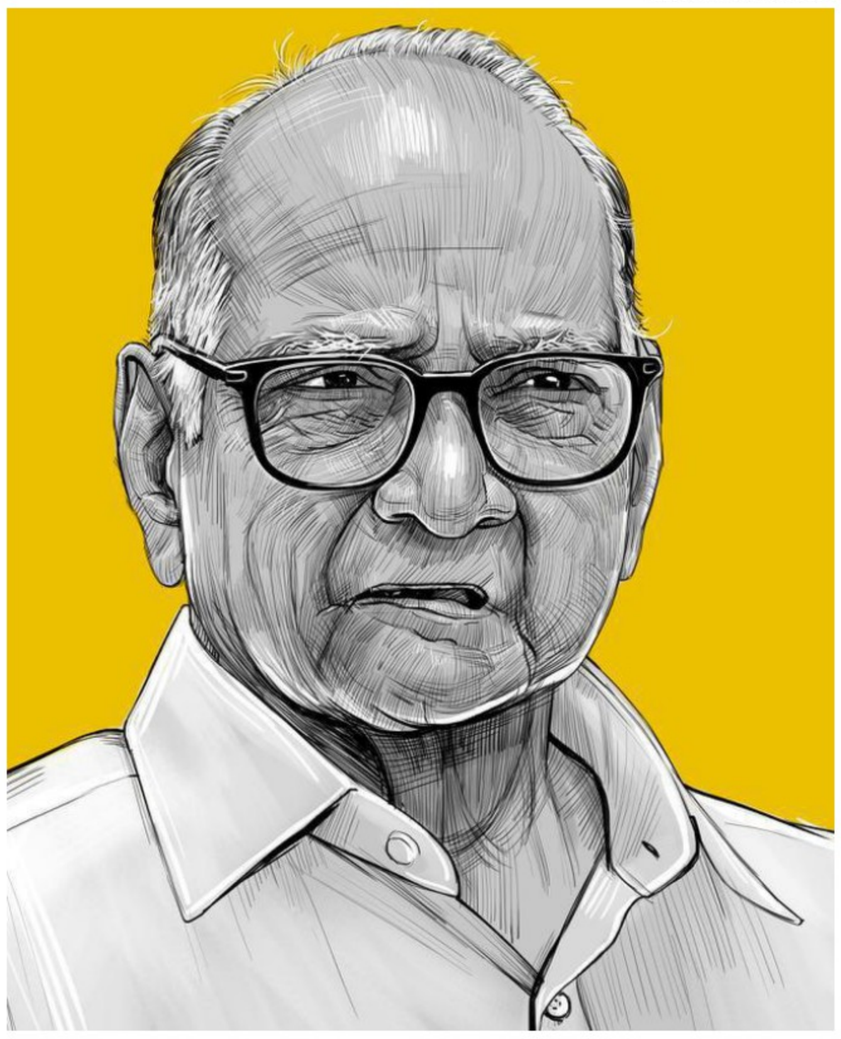

Like rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde last year, Mr. Pawar staged his first coup in 1978 by toppling Vasantdada Patil's government and forming his Progressive Democratic Front (PDF) coalition. This was dismissed by Indira Gandhi when she returned to power in 1980. Even when in the Opposition in Maharashtra between 1980 and 1986, Mr. Pawar always managed to stay relevant.

The attempts of the Gandhi clan to sideline the Maratha faction from western Maharashtra (and Mr. Pawar) marked a long "cold war" with Mr. Pawar, which temporarily ended with his return to the Congress and becoming the CM again in 1988. Eleven years later, Mr. Pawar again split the Congress, ostensibly on the issue of Sonia Gandhi's "foreign nativity", to form the NCP.

Mr. Pawar patched up with Ms. Gandhi after the 1999 Maharashtra Assembly election where both Congresses, contesting separately, failed to garner simple majority. The two joined hands in a bid to keep "communal forces" (the then Shiv Sena- BJP alliance) at bay. The NCP strongman's "realism" comes through at several points in his career: In 1999, the Congress's Vilasrao Deshmukh, who hailed from Latur in Marathwada, became Maharashtra CM. During Mr. Pawar's fourth term as CM (1993-95), Deshmukh had fiercely clashed with Mr. Pawar. Yet, Mr. Pawar backed Deshmukh's nomination as CM.

Mr. Pawar's fourth term as CM (1993 and 1995) was marked by a litany of corruption allegations against him, alleged links with Mumbai's real estate mafia and more seriously, accusations that he allegedly sought to protect the interests of known gangsters Suresh Kalani and Hitendra Thakur, said to be associated with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim. Mr. Pawar also had to contend with the forces of rising communalism in this period, personified by his ideological rival Bal Thackeray and his Shiv Sena.

Architect of unlikely coalition

Mr. Pawar has managed to hold his own against the seemingly invincible Mr. Modi as well. The PM had piled invective on the Pawar clan while campaigning in Baramati during the 2014 Maharashtra Assembly election, dubbing the NCP as the 'Naturally Corrupt Party'.

Barely three months later, Mr. Modi shared the dais with Mr. Pawar in Baramati, hailing his 'model of development' and showering praises on the NCP chief.

As the Sena-BJP alliance crumbled in 2019, Mr. Pawar had a political Indian summer as the 'architect' of the unlikely coalition of the ideologically opposed NCP, Congress and the Sena to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA).

The coalition has held even after the toppling of the MVA government last year following Eknath Shinde's revolt, which split Mr. Thackeray's Sena. While Mr. Pawar continues to call the shots, recent MVA rallies show a rise in Mr. Thackeray's popularity.

It is in this context that observers say Mr. Pawar's resignation drama typically has multiple meanings: Was it to check the well-known ambitions of his nephew Ajit Pawar and warn the BJP not to tangle with the NCP in the manner in which it broke the Shiv Sena last year? Was it to draw attention back from Mr. Thackeray, and thus increase the NCP's bargaining position ahead of the 2024 elections?

Either way, Mr. Pawar's demonstration was a coded masterclass to Mr. Thackeray on how to stay in control of one's party and prevent a split within his own ranks. Mr. Pawar's message to both his allies and rivals is simple and straightforward: I am the party.

THE GIST

- Sharad Pawar chose the Congress as his launch-pad, and came under the tutelage of his mentor, Maharashtra's first CM Yashwantrao Chavan, in whose footsteps he closely followed
- It was Chavan's articulation of the 'Bahujan Samaj' ideology — which in turn drew from the 'Brahmanetar' (non-Brahmin) movement of the 1930s — that saw Maratha leaders ultimately become the dominant faction within the State Congress
- He has never suffered a defeat in his 56 years of electoral politics since he first became MLA from Baramati (in Pune district) in 1967 and became the youngest CM of Maharashtra at 38 in 1978

Chinese checkmate

Ding Liren

The 30-year-old world champion's style, generally cautious, makes him one of the most difficult players to defeat in chess

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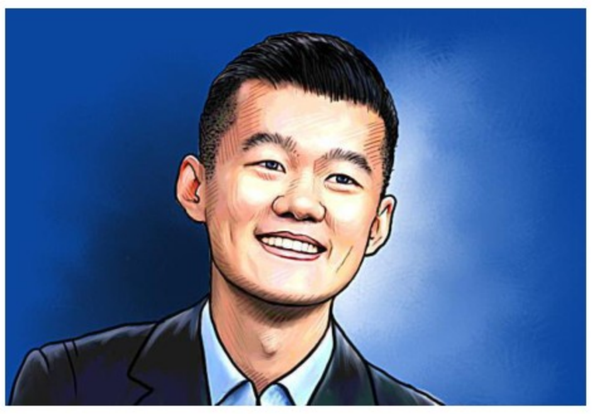

On an October evening in 2021, the who's who of China's chess world gathered at Beijing's elite Peking University. The occasion was to celebrate the 30th year anniversary of the victory of Chinese chess legend Xie Jun, the first Asian woman to become a grandmaster and China's first world champion. The location of the event wasn't an accident – Beijing's most famous university had, over the years, become a factory for China's chess talent. Speaking to the students, Xie encouraged them to devote their talents to chess. One of the top Communist Party officials in charge of the university, Li Xiaopeng, hailed Xie's example that evening and told the students to follow in her footsteps. "Life," Li said, "is like a chess game".

In attendance that evening was Peking University's next great chess talent – and the latest heir to Xie's mantle – Ding Liren (30), who had already made waves in China as a national champion and earlier that year, finished fourth in the Goldmoney Asian Rapid tournament (losing the third place match to Magnus Carlsen).

Few in Beijing that evening might have expected Ding to, less than two years on, replicate Xie's success. On April 30, Ding was crowned world champion – China's first male champion – defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in Astana, Kazakhstan. China now holds both men's and women's titles, with Ju Wenjun the reigning women's champion.

Stellar rise

Ding's stellar rise has underlined China's status as a chess power. Born in the southern trading hub of Wenzhou, Ding started learning chess aged 4. Like Xie, he went to Peking University, graduating in law.

As a recent State media profile revealed, his parents named him Liren after a Confucian saying: "Now the man of perfect virtue, wishing to be established himself, seeks also to establish others; wishing to be enlarged himself, he seeks also to enlarge others."

His popularity in China derives not only from his exploits in the game but for his conduct off it. Ding is known for being low profile and humble. His national breakthrough came in 2009, when, aged 16, he defeated several experienced Chinese players to win a national championship, becoming the youngest in the country's history.

Ding's style is generally cautious, but also one that makes him one of the most difficult players to defeat in chess. His unbeaten stint of 100 games – over 15 months in 2017-18 – is proof of that. Remaining unbeaten for so many games is a remarkable feat and nobody had done it before him, though his record has since been broken by Magnus Carlsen, the strongest player the sport has ever seen. The new world champion is a solid player, and very few in world chess can defend the way he can. He is accurate, often finding the best possible moves, and is superb in the end-game. He is patient and has excellent nerves, which the world saw in Astana.

The world also saw another side to his game, as Ding surprised Nepomniachtchi with his 46th move: instead of opting for a draw by a repetition of moves, he chose to try for a victory. The match also showed another quality of Ding: resilience. He fell behind three times, but came back on each occasion, showing tenacity. His willingness to take more risks than he normally would have in the past also proved a major factor in deciding the match.

For China, Ding's victory, as one State media article described, fulfilled a 40-year dream. China joined the International Chess Federation in 1975, and the Chinese Chess Association was only set up a decade later. In 1986, the association laid out a four-step plan, to win the women's world championship, the women's team crown, the men's team championship, and finally, the men's individual championship.

Ding, as the article noted, "brought that dream to fruition."

(With inputs from P.K. Ajith Kumar)

Loyalist-turned-rebel

Jagadish Shettar

The former BJP Chief Minister of Karnataka, who has joined the Congress, says the BJP is trying to build a team of junior Lingayat leaders with 'herd mentality'

Girish S. Pattanashetti

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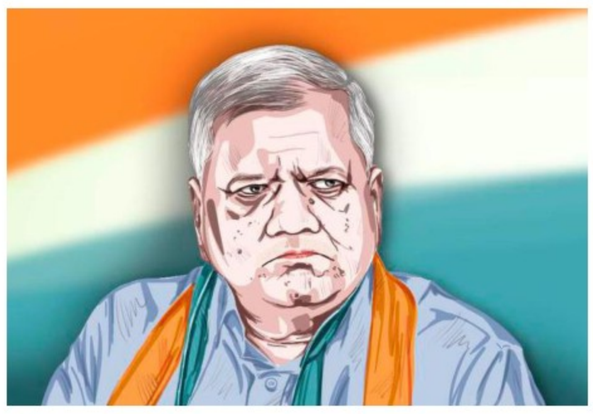

Despite being a leader who occupied the posts of the Chief Minister of Karnataka, albeit for a few months, the leader of Opposition in the Assembly twice, and also the Speaker, Jagadish Shettar, 67, has always carried the image of a humble, down-to-earth politician who is accessible to all. However, in the run-up to the Assembly election, the people of Karnataka saw him in an avatar that was contrary to their general belief.

They saw a fiery rebel, who had the gumption to disobey the diktat of the party that he served for nearly three decades. His rebellion ultimately resulted in him quitting the BJP and switching over to a party (Congress) against which he had been fighting relentlessly.

By his switch over, Mr. Shettar no doubt delivered a sudden blow to the saffron party and which has the potential to alter the political equations at least in a few pockets of north Karnataka, where members of his community, Banajiga Lingayats, and the larger community of Lingayats reside.

Jagadish Shettar was born on December 17, 1955, to Shivappa Shivamurteppa Shettar, an advocate, and Basavanemma at Kerur in present-day Bagalkot district. After his primary and high school education at Basel Mission Primary and Higher Secondary School in Hubballi, he graduated in commerce from J.G. College of Commerce, Hubballi, and then completed L.L.B (Special) from JSS College, Hubballi, to choose his father's profession.

Entry into politics

Born into a family that has been associated with Jan Sangh for long, Jagadish Shettar came into contact with politics from early days. Much before Jan Sangh made inroads in State politics, his uncle Sadashiv Shettar, (whom Jagadish Shettar calls his inspiration) was elected to the Karnataka Assembly from Hubballi in 1967. He was the first MLA to be elected from the Jan Sangh in entire Southern India. His father Shivappa Shivamurtappa Shettar was elected to Hubballi Dharwad Municipal Corporation five times in a row. S.S. Shettar went on to become the first Mayor from the Jan Sangh in South India.

In 1991, Jagadish Shettar was to contest the Dharwad Lok Sabha election. But he had to drop out to make way for Chandrakanth Bellad, a senior Lingayat leader from the Janata Parivar. This sacrifice for the party got him an assembly ticket in 1994 and there was no looking back for him from then onwards.

However, when the BJP came to power on its own for the first time in South India in 2008, Mr. Shettar was denied a Cabinet berth and was offered the Speaker's post. The denial had more to do with the 'Lingayat face' of the BJP, B.S. Yediyurappa, occupying the Chief Minister's post.

However, the CM's post did come to Mr. Shettar in 2012, making him the 27th Chief Minister of Karnataka, with a 10-month tenure.

As he was the senior-most Lingayat leader in the BJP, many considered Mr. Shettar as a contender for the post of Chief Minister. This by some is regarded as the very reason for the denial of ticket to Mr. Shettar by the BJP this time. According to Mr. Shettar, the BJP has a "covert plan" to keep Lingayats away from power by systematically sidelining senior Lingayat leaders. He has also raised the issue of preferential treatment to Brahmin leaders in the party.

If Mr. Shettar is to be believed, the BJP wants to come out of the dependence on Lingayats for coming to power and the simplest way is to build a team of junior Lingayat leaders with "herd mentality".

Mr. Shettar knew he had very few options after quitting the saffron party and deciding to launch the fight for "self respect", aligning with the Congress. He has taken a calculated risk knowing the challenges, and the 'Lingayat hurt sentiment' card could prove to be of some relief to him. According to Mr. Shettar, he still has the strength to be in politics for another decade, no matter what happens in the election.

INBRIEF

Union Bank Q4 net surges 81% on higher write-off recoveries

Union Bank of India reported a 81% jump in March-quarter net profit to ₹2,811 crore helped by a huge jump in recoveries from written-off accounts. Core net interest income rose 22% to ₹8,251 crore on the back of a 13% growth in advances and widening of net interest margin to 2.98% from 2.75%. Gross non performing assets ratio improved to 7.53% against 11.1%. MD and CEO A. Manimekhalai said the board had approved a ₹10,000-crore capital-raising plan. PTI

Temasek said to mull $100-mn stake in jeweller BlueStone

Singapore state investor Temasek Holdings is considering investing $100 million in Indian jeweller BlueStone for a stake of about 20%, two sources with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters. The investment would value the Bengaluru-based BlueStone, also backed by venture capital firm Accel and Indian industrialist Ratan Tata, at close to $500 million, said one of the sources, who declined to be identified as the matter is private. REUTERS

TVS Credit to focus on leveraging data, technology

Non-banking finance company TVS Credit Services Ltd. would emphasise on enhancing customer experience, leveraging data and technology, a top official said. The firm reported a 76% rise in its net profit for the quarter ended March 31 to ₹111 crore. "We are closing FY23 on a strong note, with significant growth witnessed in disbursements across the products," said CEO Ashish Sapra. Assets under management (AUM) as of March 31 rose 48% YoY to ₹20,602 crore. PTI

Adani Power Q4 net grows 13% to ₹5,242 cr. on lower cost

PAT for FY23 more than doubled to ₹10,727 crore while total revenue grew 36% to ₹43,041 crore; power offtake under long-term PPAs was constrained by the high prices of imported coal

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Adani Power Ltd. (APL) has posted about 13% jump in consolidated net profit to ₹5,242 crore for the quarter ended March.

"Consolidated PAT (profit after tax) for Q4 FY23 grows... on account of lower finance cost as well as certain reversals consequent to the scheme of amalgamation (of six subsidiaries)," APL said.

Total income, however, fell to ₹10,795 crore from ₹13,307 crore in the year-earlier quarter. Total expenses were higher at ₹9,897 crore (₹7,174 crore).

Power play: APL sold a total of 53.39 billion units of power in FY23 against 52.27 billion units in FY22. PTI

"PAT for FY23 is higher by 118.4% at ₹10,727 crore due to higher EBITDA, lower finance cost on account of debt prepayment, as well as certain reversals consequent to the Scheme of Amalgamation becoming effective," APL said.

In FY23, total revenue was also higher by 35.8% at ₹43,041 crore. Last fiscal, APL achieved an average consolidated Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 47.9% and sales of 53.39 billion units (BU) as compared with consolidated PLF of 51.5% and sales volume of 52.27 BU in FY22. Power offtake under long-term Power Purchase Agreements was constrained by high prices of imported coal, while the PLF of open capacities was affected by domestic coal-related constraints.

MSCI to lower free float of 2 Adani firms

Reuters

MSCI will lower the free float of two Adani Group companies, Adani Total Gas and Adani Transmission, in its May index review, the financial index provider said on Friday.

MSCI now sees the Adani Total Gas free float at 14% and Adani Transmission at 10%, from 25%.

Free float is defined as the proportion of outstanding shares considered available for purchase in public equity markets by international investors.

Defers implementation

In February, MSCI postponed the implementation of these updates to weightings that were due in March and said "potential replicability issues" were behind the decision. Its methodology calls for indices to be replicated 'in an actual portfolio in a cost-efficient matter,' it said.

MSCI had also said it would review the free-float designation of some Adani firms' securities after U.S. short seller Hindenburg Research accused the conglomerate of improper use of offshore tax havens and stock manipulation.

ABFRL to add W, Aurelia via ₹1,650-cr. TCNS Clothing buy

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Aditya Birla Fashion Retail Limited (ABFRL) said it has agreed to acquire TCNS Clothing, the owner of leading ethnic brands such as W, Aurelia, Wishful, Folksong and Elleven.

"The value of the promoter stake and open offer consideration for TCNS is ₹1,650 crore for 51% stake," the company said.

"The TCNS deal is indeed a significant milestone as it complements our existing portfolio of exceptional brands across the entire spectrum of Indian fashion," Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman, Aditya Birla Group, said,

"This transaction is a pivotal piece of our strategy of building India's most comprehensive ethnic-wear portfolio," said Ashish Dikshit, MD, ABFRL.

"With this acquisition ABFRL's ethnic-wear portfolio is expected to reach ₹5,000 crore in the next three years," the firm said.

"Our partnership with ABFRL will help us fully realise our potential," said Anant Daga, MD, TCNS.

As part of the transaction, ABFRL would make a conditional open offer to acquire up to 29% stake at ₹503 per share from public shareholders and purchase the balance stake from the founder promoters to reach an overall shareholding of 51% in TCNS.

Govt. working to rein in inflation, says Sitharaman

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Inflation in India is slightly above the 'tolerance limit,' and the government is taking steps to control it, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said here on Saturday.

"Because we took a very calibrated approach, today we have an inflation which is slightly above the tolerance limit, but which is constantly being worked at so [that] it can be brought down," she said.

TI Clean Mobility to raise ₹675 cr. for EVs

Press Trust of India
CHENNAI

TI Clean Mobility, a subsidiary of Tube Investments of India Ltd., has signed definitive agreements to raise further capital of ₹675 crore through compulsory convertible preference shares, the company said.

TI Clean Mobility Pvt. Ltd. is engaged in manufacturing and marketing of electric three-wheelers and through its subsidiaries into electric tractors and electric heavy commercial vehicles.

In February, the firm announced capital infusion of ₹1,950 crore and signed definitive agreements with Multiples, SBI and Tube Investments of India to raise capital up to ₹1,275 crore of which ₹817 crore has already been infused.

Myanmar's MAI eyes AI codeshare expansion

Company plans to position Chennai as an alternate transit hub in India, says the Chief Commercial Officer of the Yangon-based carrier

INTERVIEW

Tanes Kumar

Murali N. Krishnaswamy

MAI offers promotional all-in fare of ₹19,500 one-way and ₹37,500 return to mark unveiling of the new route. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India's Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) puts the number of inbound passengers from Myanmar in the October-December quarter at 2,259, while outbound traffic is pegged at 1,815 passengers. Tanes Kumar, Chief Commercial Officer at Myanmar Airways International (MAI), detailed the airline's plans for its fourth Indian destination, Chennai, and expressed optimism about the market response.

What prompted the airline to choose Chennai as its fourth Indian destination?

First, we believe there is a substantial visiting family and friend (VFR) segment as there are an estimated one million Myanmar Tamils with family and relatives back in India. Second, as a year-round destination, Chennai, specifically, and Tamil Nadu in general, have much to offer to Myanmar travellers with their religious sites, which include several UNESCO Heritage Sites, natural attractions such as wildlife sanctuaries, and beaches, and being a hub for medical tourism with a high concentration of healthcare facilities. We also believe that we can position Myanmar, with its unique culture, natural wonders, and Bagan UNESCO Heritage Site, as a destination for outbound tourists from Chennai and its catchment areas, considering its vast market size potential of more than 70 million people. Also, from our network perspective, we believe Chennai, among the country's top five airports, would be a case study to observe the overall market's reception to a virgin destination in South India.

What does MAI have on offer for the traveller from Chennai? What about an e-visa facility?

MAI offers a promotional all-in fare of just ₹19,500 one-way and ₹37,500 return to celebrate our new route launch. Besides that, we also provide 5 kilograms [additional baggage allowance] free of charge to all passengers travelling on the Yangon and Chennai flights during the first month. The e-visa facility is available at https://evisa.moip.gov.mm/ with a tourist visa costing $50 for 28 days and a business visa costing $70 for 70 days.

What are the segment estimates, and packages for travellers?

We believe VFR would be the largest segment with about 30%-40% contribution, with the rest of the targeted travel segments to be quite evenly distributed. Based on an initial market scan, Myanmar travel packages range approximately from ₹30,000 for three days/two nights to ₹90,000 for 10 days/nine nights in general.

What prompted the idea of Chennai as a transit hub?

We are exploring positioning Chennai as a transit hub... to destinations such as Bengaluru, Coimbatore and Madurai, and beyond. [For] cargo, we see a substantial and consistent volume, albeit small, focusing on pharmaceuticals and human hair shipments.

As Air India is a codeshare partner, are there plans for South India arrangements?

We are considering expanding the codeshare arrangement with Air India as we acknowledge their extensive network coverage... in line with our plans to position Chennai as an alternate transit hub.

Resort firm Rosetta by Ferns eyes 500 keys by 2028

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Luxury-resort operator Rosetta by Ferns, eyeing an inventory of 500 keys (rooms) by 2028, has started scouting for properties in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

"Currently, we have a 128-key luxury resort in Sakleshpur, Karnataka," CMD Errol Fernandes, said in an interview.

"Very soon, we will be foraying into South Goa, followed by Wayanad and Ooty apart from expanding in Karnataka," he added.

Rosetta would be adding 100 keys each year over the next five years.

Asset-light model

"Going forward, we would like to follow an asset-light model. At the end of the day, it will be 25% own property and 75% leased or managed by us."

A five-star hotel will come up in South Goa by October with 100 keys and a boutique hotel in Chikkaballapur by December 2024 with 60 keys. Resorts or villas will come up in Coorg, Kolar and Sakleshpur, he added.

"We are the only player in the organised sector from the South to combine real estate with leisure living," he said. On funding, he said it would be met through internal accruals and borrowings.

"We might approach private equity [players] once we touch 500 keys."

He said they were also developing gated communities spread across 37 lakh sq. ft. in Karnataka, apartments of 30 lakh sq. ft and office space of 13.5 lakh sq.ft in Bengaluru.

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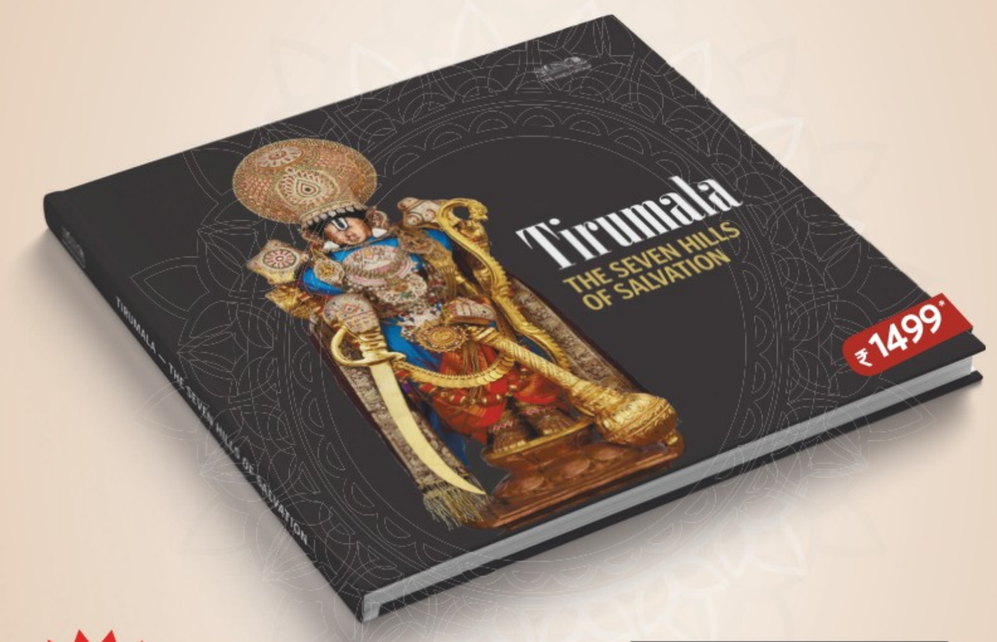
The coffee-table book features articles by well-known writers on Hindu religion and philosophy on subjects such as Srinivasa Kalyanam, Sri Ramanuja and his association with Tirumala, the story of Ananthalwan, Krishnadeva Raya's Amuktha Malyada, the beauty of Sri Lakshmi Sahasram and on the importance of Vaikunta Ekadasi. The collector's edition also features rare pictures of Lord Venkateswara, Sri Padmavathi and Tirumala.



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UNWELCOME RECORD

Royals suffers joint-biggest defeat in IPL history at home

Rajasthan Royals' loss to Gujarat Titans on Friday in the IPL 2023 turned out to be its joint-biggest defeat at Jaipur in terms of the number of balls remaining. Rajasthan elected to bat first and managed to score 118. Gujarat chased down the target with 37 balls to spare. KKR chased down a target of 140 in 2019.

COUNTRY FIRST

Ireland pacer Josh Little called up for national duty

Ireland pacer Josh Little will miss defending champion Gujarat Titans' next few games as he has gone back home for national duty. The left-arm pacer has been named in Ireland's squad for the three-match One-Day International (ODI) series against Bangladesh, which starts on May 9.

HIGH PRAISE

Jitesh Sharma ahead of some other 'keeper-batters, feels Sunil Joshi

Former India chief selector and current Punjab Kings spin coach Sunil Joshi rates Jitesh Sharma among the best wicketkeeper-batters in the country and feels it is only a matter of time before he plays for India. "Jitesh has been wonderful. It shows his quality and one of the reasons he was picked in Indian team in place of Sanju Samson."

Super Kings break Chepauk jinx against Mumbai Indians

Dhoni's side snaps a three-match winless run while marking its first triumph over the Mumbai outfit at home since 2012; Pacers Pathirana, Chahar and Deshpande restrict the visitors to 139 before Ruturaj, Conway and Dube guide hosts home

IPL-16

Lalith Kalidas
CHENNAI

Chennai Super Kings vaulted to the second spot in the IPL-16 standings and broke the Chepauk jinx against Mumbai Indians with a six-wicket win at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Saturday.

M.S. Dhoni's side snapped a three-match winless run while marking its first triumph over MI at home since 2012.

Poor start

MI's attempt to make a fight out of a 139-run total got off on the wrong foot when Cameron Green overstepped to concede the first run, succeeded by a lofted straight drive from Ruturaj Gaikwad for four.

The opener's two swivel-pull maximums and a straight drive for four made Super Kings' intentions clear in the PowerPlay.

Finally!

MI captain Rohit Sharma's desperation bore fruit when leggie Piyush Chawla removed Ruturaj with his first delivery in the fifth over.

Even as Devon Conway and Ajinkya Rahane effortlessly marched on in the middle-overs, Chawla's googly trapped the latter. Middle-order bulwark Shivam Dube's sixes lent speed before a Dhoni teaser fittingly ended proceedings with 14 balls to spare.

Earlier in the afternoon, after being asked to bat first on a fresh pitch, Rohit demoted himself from the opener's slot for the first time in 62 innings, pushing Green up with Ishan Kishan.

Incisive spell: Pathirana kept Mumbai Indians on a tight leash and also picked up three wickets. M. VEDHAN

The move backfired as the openers fell to false strokes against seamers Deepak Chahar and Tushar Deshpande in the PowerPlay.

Tragedy was real when Dhoni stood up to the stumps, and Rohit's attempted ramp off Chahar scooped up to Ravindra Jadeja at point for a three-ball duck – his second in succession.

Suryakumar Yadav and Nehal Wadhera then found a string of boundaries during a 55-run stand.

However, Jadeja put an end to Suryakumar's flamboyance with a bolt-upright delivery clinking the stumps.

Wadhera shines

Southpaw Wadhera prevented a collapse with his maiden half-century before hitting Jadeja for three fours.

When Wadhera (64, 51b, 8x4, 1x6) threatened to take off, Matheesha Pathirana's rattling yorkers restricted MI to its joint second-lowest total against CSK in a game that could heavily impact its playoffs chances.

SCOREBOARD

MUMBAI INDIANS

Cameron Green b Deshpande 6 *(4b, 1x4)*, Ishan Kishan c Theekshana b Deepak Chahar 7 *(9b, 1x4)*, Rohit Sharma c Jadeja b Deepak Chahar 0 *(3b)*, Nehal Wadhera b Pathirana 64 *(51b, 8x4, 1x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav b Jadeja 26 *(22b, 3x4)*, Tristan Stubbs c Jadeja b Pathirana 20 *(21b, 2x4)*, Tim David c Ruturaj b Deshpande 2 *(4b)*, Arshad Khan c Ruturaj b Pathirana 1 *(2b)*, Jofra Archer (not out) 3 *(2b)*, Piyush Chawla (not out) 2 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-5, w-3): 8; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 139.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-13 (Green, 1.5 overs), 2-13 (Kishan, 2.2), 3-14 (Rohit, 2.5), 4-69 (Suryakumar, 10.3), 5-123 (Wadhera, 17.3), 6-127 (David, 18.3), 7-134 (Arshad, 19.1), 8-137 (Stubbs, 19.4).

SUPER KINGS BOWLING

Deepak Chahar 3-0-18-2, Deshpande 4-0-26-2, Jadeja 4-0-37-1, Moeen 1-0-10-0, Theekshana 4-0-28-0, Pathirana 4-0-15-3.

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS

Ruturaj Gaikwad c Kishan b Chawla 30 *(16b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Devon Conway lbw b Madhwal 44 *(42b, 4x4)*, Ajinkya Rahane lbw b Chawla 21 *(17b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Ambati Rayudu **(Impact Player in place of Theekshana)** c Raghav b Stubbs 12 *(11b, 1x6)*, Shivam Dube (not out) 26 *(18b, 3x6)*, M.S. Dhoni (not out) 2 *(3b)*; Extras (lb-2, w-2, nb-1): 5; Total (for four wkts. in 17.4 overs): 140.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-46 (Ruturaj, 4.1), 2-81 (Rahane, 8.6), 3-105 (Rayudu, 12.5), 4-130 (Conway, 16.3).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING

Green 1-0-10-0, Archer 4-0-24-0, Arshad 1.4-0-28-0, Chawla 4-0-25-2, Raghav **(Impact Player in place of Suryakumar)** 4-0-33-0, Stubbs 2-0-14-1, Madhwal 1-0-4-1.

Toss: Super Kings. **PoM:** Pathirana.

Super Kings won by six wickets with 14 balls to spare.

Next assignment

MI: May 9 vs. **RCB**
Mumbai, 7.30 p.m.

CSK: May 10 vs. **DC**
Chennai, 7.30 p.m.

Salt in smashing form as Capitals trounce RCB

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

For a change, the Delhi Capitals top-order fired. If Royal Challengers Bangalore waited for the host to implode yet again, it did not happen at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground on Saturday.

After keeping the target down to 182, Capitals crossed the line with seven wickets and 20 deliveries to spare.

After contrasting half-centuries from Virat Kohli and Mahipal Lomror took Royal Challengers to 181 for four, Player-of-the-Match Phil Salt was involved in three half-century stands while racing away to a match-winning 45-ball 87.

The only team with four overseas batters at the top of the order, Capitals smashed 12 sixes and 15 fours to put to the sword a listless Royal Challengers bowling unit.

After avenging the loss suffered last month, Capitals finally lifted themselves from the 10th spot to be ninth with eight points. Royal Challengers, with 10 points, stayed fifth.

In the PowerPlay, which produced 70 and saw the dismissal of skipper David Warner, Capitals made their intentions clear by targeting Mohammad Siraj, whose two overs produced 28. An all-attacking Marsh left Salt's company in the 11th over after adding 59 off just 32 balls. Rilee Rossouw's big blows then settled the contest in Delhi's favour.

In the much-anticipated contest between the in-form Royal Challengers top-order and Capitals' bowling attack, both had moments to savour. Despite an 82-run opening stand between Faf du Plessis and Kohli, Royal Challengers failed to reach 200 mainly due to the bowlers pulling things back in the middle overs.

After Kohli became the first batter to reach 7000 runs in the tournament and 1000 runs against Capitals on his way to a 50th IPL half-century, the visitors found a second wind, thanks to Lomror's maiden half-century in the competition.

The five overs, beginning with the 14th, produced a sequence of 13, 11, 11, 14 and 15 and took Royal Challengers past the 180-mark.

But it wasn't enough once Salt got going.

Power Play: Salt struck six sixes and eight fours in his 45-ball 87. R.V. MOORTHY

SCOREBOARD

ROYAL CHALLENGERS

Virat Kohli c Khaleel b Mukesh 55 *(46b, 5x4)*, Faf du Plessis c Axar b Marsh 45 *(32b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Glenn Maxwell c Salt b Marsh 0 *(1b)*, Mahipal Lomror (not out) 54 *(29b, 6x4, 3x6)*, Dinesh Karthik c Warner b Khaleel 11 *(9b, 1x6)*, Anuj Rawat (not out) 8 *(3b, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-2, w-6): 8; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 181.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-82 (du Plessis, 10.3 overs), 2-82 (Maxwell, 10.4 ov), 3-137 (Kohli, 15.6), 4-172 (Karthik, 19.1).

CAPITALS BOWLING

Khaleel 4-0-45-1, Axar 3-0-17-0, Ishant 3-0-29-0, Mukesh 3-0-30-1, Marsh 3-0-21-2, Kuldeep 4-0-37-0.

DELHI CAPITALS

David Warner c du Plessis b Hazlewood 22 *(14b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Phil Salt b Karn 87 *(45b, 8x4, 6x6)*, Mitchell Marsh c Lomror b Harshal 26 *(17b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Rilee Rossouw (not out) 35 *(22b, 1x4, 3x6)*, Axar Patel (not out) 8 *(3b, 1x6)*; Extras (b-4, lb-2, w-2, nb-1): 9; Total (for three wkts. in 16.4 overs): 187.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-60 (Warner, 5.1), 2-119 (Marsh, 10.3), 3-171 (Salt, 15.3).

RCB BOWLING

Siraj 2-0-28-0, Maxwell 1.4-0-14-0, Hazlewood 3-0-29-1, Hasaranga 4-0-32-0, Karn 3-0-33-1, Lomror 1-0-13-0, Harshal **(Impact Player in place of Kedar Jadhav)** 2-0-32-1.

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Pandya brothers come face to face for the first time as captains

Pressure on: The onus will be on spinner Ravi Bishnoi to help the Super Giants to their first win over the Titans. VIJAY SONEJI

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

The Pandya brothers – Hardik and Krunal – will come face to face for the first time as captains of their Indian Premier League (IPL) teams when the Narendra Modi Stadium hosts Sunday's fixture between Gujarat Titans and Lucknow Super Giants.

After winning four of its first six games, LSG stumbled midway and enters the game on the back of a loss to Royal Challengers Bangalore and a wash out against Chennai Super Kings, whereas Gujarat Titans leads the points table after steamrollering Rajasthan Royals.

All three of Titans' losses this season have come at home – the last being against Delhi Capitals – and that could be an encouraging sign for LSG, which has never beaten the Titans in the IPL.

But then, it won't be easy. Titans have a solid bowling unit, with Mohammed Shami spearheading the pace attack and the wily Rashid Khan in charge of spin. Shami and Rashid both have 18 scalps each.

Expectations will again be high on Rashid, who, along with his compatriot Noor Ahmad, has been Titans' go-to man for breakthroughs. Having returned to form in the last outing, Shubman Gill, Wriddhiman Saha and captain Hardik will look to keep the momentum going.

The LSG batters have blown hot and cold this season, and, in Rahul's absence, Quinton de Kock may finally make it to the playing XI. However, it remains to be seen whether Rahul's replacement, Karun Nair, gets a game.

With Jaydev Unadkat ruled out and Mark Wood yet to recover, the onus will again be on spinners Ravi Bishnoi and Amit Mishra.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Gujarat Titans vs. Lucknow Super Giants	Rajasthan Royals vs. Sunrisers Hyderabad
Ahmedabad, 3.30 p.m.	**Jaipur,** 7.30 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD	HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 3	Played: 17
GT 3 | LSG 0	RR 9 | SRH 8
PREVIOUS MEETING	PREVIOUS MEETING
GT won by seven runs, 2023	RR won by 72 runs, 2023

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD) & JIO CINEMA APP

Points table

	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
Gujarat Titans	10	7	3	0	14	0.752
Chennai Super Kings	11	6	4	1	13	0.409
Lucknow Super Giants	10	5	4	1	11	0.639
Rajasthan Royals	10	5	5	0	10	0.448
Royal Challengers	10	5	5	0	10	-0.209
Mumbai Indians	10	5	5	0	10	-0.454
Punjab Kings	10	5	5	0	10	-0.472
Kolkata Knight Riders	10	4	6	0	8	-0.103
Delhi Capitals	10	4	6	0	8	-0.529
Sunrisers Hyderabad	9	3	6	0	6	-0.540

*After the DC-RCB match on May 6

Royals look to appease a livid Sangakkara

Sunrisers Hyderabad has just three wins from nine games and will have to win every match for a possible top-four finish

IPL-16

P.K. Ajith Kumar
JAIPUR

Kumar Sangakkara was scathing in his review of Rajasthan Royals' show against Gujarat Titans here on Friday night. Embarrassing, poor, reckless, lack of intent were some of the words that flowed as the articulate Sri Lankan batting legend reacted to the nine-wicket loss with over six overs to spare.

The Royals men have an opportunity to make their coach appraise them more generously on Sunday. They take on Sunrisers Hyderabad, a team that isn't in the most confident of frames at the moment, especially after the narrow defeat to Kolkata Knight Riders in the last game.

SRH has managed just three wins from nine games and is scraping the bottom. It probably will have to win every match for a possible top-four finish.

Hyderabad needs runs from its main batters like captain Aiden Markram and Harry Brook. There is none from SRH in the top 30 of the batting charts. Mayank Markande is among the top 20 bowlers, but he needs better support.

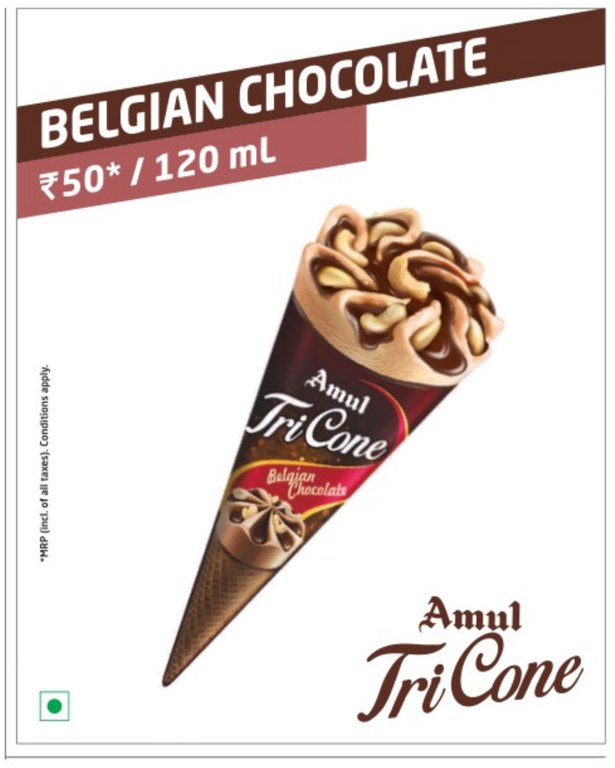
Sunrisers need runs from its main batters like captain Aiden Markram and Harry Brook

String of losses

Royals have played much better cricket and needn't overly worry about the playoffs yet, but, like SRH, they have lost four of their last five matches.

So skipper Sanju Samson and Jos Buttler should lessen Yashasvi Jaiswal's burden at the top of the order and bowlers like R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal and Trent Boult have to deliver.

Key role: It's time Buttler stepped up and lessened Jaiswal's burden at the top of the order. AFP



INBRIEF

Sumit, Yogesh, Pushpendra qualify for Worlds

Sumit Antil, Yogesh Kathuniya and Pushpendra Singh set new World Records at the fifth Open Para Athletics International Championships 2023 in Bengaluru on Saturday. All three have now qualified for the 2023 World Championships. Sumit, with a 70.17m heave in the men's javelin throw F44/64 category, rewrote his own previous best mark of 68.62m set in 2022. Yogesh created a new world record of 46.79m in men's discus throw F55-57 category while Pushpendra sent the javelin soaring over 61.60m in the men's F43 category. Also on the day, Neeraj Yadav bettered his own Asian record in men's discus throw F55 category with a mark of 38.51m, which was 7cm more than his own previous Asian best. With the effort, Neeraj too has qualified for Worlds.

Pujara hits third ton in six innings for Sussex this season

Cheteshwar Pujara hit his third hundred in six innings for Sussex this season at Worcester in the English County Championship on Friday. Sussex captain Pujara reached his eighth century in 12 career matches for Sussex and was dismissed for 136 in a total of 373.

Shaji Prabhakaran elected AFC EC member

AIFF secretary-general, Shaji Prabhakaran, was on Saturday elected the Executive Committee member of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) during the South Asian Football Federation Congress in Dhaka. Shaji, who was appointed the AIFF secretary-general last year, made it to the AFC EC as a representative of SAFF. Shaji said he will work for the development of football in Asia.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: MTV, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6 a.m.
IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3.30 & 7.30 p.m.
ATP Madrid Open: Sony LIV, 4 p.m. onwards
Pakistan vs New Zealand: 5th ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 4, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Monday)
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 7 & 9 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & 9 & 11.30 p.m.
Formula One: Miami GP, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 1 a.m. (Monday).

Neeraj vows to push himself more in upcoming competitions

Press Trust of India
DOHA

Neeraj Chopra began his Diamond League title defence with a win in the first leg but the Olympic champion javelin thrower said he will push himself more in the upcoming competitions this season.

Neeraj, who had bagged the 2022 Diamond League final trophy last year, won the season-opening first round with a best throw of 88.67m to beat a star-studded field at the Qatar Sports Club on Friday night.

"It was a very hard win, but I'm happy, it's a really good start for me," Neeraj said.

"This season I'll stay fit and consistent and I'll try to do my best in next competitions. I plan to stay fit and do more than I can," added Neeraj, who has his eyes set on breaching the coveted 90m mark.

Neeraj will feature in the Ostrava Golden Spike event in Czech Republic, a World Athletics Continental Tour Gold level meet, on June 27, according to the world body.

Hard-fought win: Neeraj's best throw came in his first try, which is his fourth best effort. TWITTER/NEERAJ CHOPRA

Neeraj's current training base is at Antalya, Turkey.

"I hope to come in the first place in the next competitions and to keep consistency during this season," the Indian superstar said.

Neeraj's best throw came in his first try which is his fourth best effort. The Olympic champion had ample support as his compatriots came out to cheer him.

Despite a quality field that included the likes of reigning world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada and Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic, the throws were quite underwhelming compared to last year when both Peters and Vadlejch sent the spear beyond 90m.

"The wind was a bit strong, I was hoping we would get a tailwind. It was a good competition because the top guys are here," Peters said.

Gundogan brace takes Man City four points clear at top

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
MANCHESTER

Manchester City went four points clear of Arsenal at the top the Premier League on Saturday, beating Leeds United 2-0 with a pair of near-identical goals from Ilkay Gundogan, stretching its winning league run to 10 games.

Erling Haaland graciously handed the ball to Gundogan to take a penalty kick in the 84th minute for what would have been a hat-trick, but Leeds keeper Joel Robles had no trouble turning aside his shot.

With four games left, Pep Guardiola's side have 82 points to Arsenal's 78, and if the Gunners lose to Newcastle on Sunday, City will have all but locked up a third consecutive title.

The results:

Premier League: Manchester City 2 (Gundogan 19, 27) bt Leeds 1 (Rodrigo 85); Tottenham 1 (Kane 45) bt Crystal Palace 0; Wolves 1 (Gomes 9) bt Aston Villa 0; Bournemouth 1 (Vina 21) lost to Chelsea 3 (Gallagher 9, Badiashile 82, Felix 86).
Serie A: AC Milan 2 (Bennacer 17, Hernandez 29) Lazio 0.
Bundesliga: Freiburg 0 RB lost to Leipzig 1 (Kampl 73); Hoffenheim 3 (Baumgartner 8, Kramaric 41-pen, Bebou 45+3) bt Frankfurt 1 (Goetze 54); Hertha Berlin 2 (Kempf 29, Niederlechner 45+2) bt Stuttgart 1 (Guirassy); Augsburg 1 (Beljo 53) bt Berlin 0.
On Friday: Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Adli 28) lost to Cologne 2 (Selke 14, 36); Mainz 2 (Barreiro 53, Martin 70) lost to Schalke 3 (Buelter 26, 90+12-pen, Krauss 60).

City's Gundogan celebrates after scoring the first. REUTERS

Akash and Nishant make it to the pre-quarters

Sports Bureau

Akash Sangwan (67kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) recorded comprehensive victories and moved into the pre-quarterfinals of their respective weight classes at the World boxing championships in Tashkent on Saturday.

Akash defeated China's Fu Mingke, while Nishant beat Korea's Sangmin Lee with an identical 5-0 verdict.

In a contest between two southpaws, Akash's precise combinations gave him an advantage. Even as the Chinese boxed from long range, the Indian did not let go any opportunity to spray punches on his rival and claim the opening round.

Nishant carried on with his fine form to tame Lee in a bout which witnessed much lesser exchanges. Nishant delivered his counters on the head and body of the swift Korean in the next two rounds and finished the bout with some spectacular head shots.

TENNIS ROUND-UP

Bopanna and Ebden pair bows out

MADRID: Karen Khachanov and Andrey Rublev beat seventh seeds Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden 6-3, 3-6, [10-3] in the doubles final of the €8,796,536 ATP tennis tournament on Saturday.
Other results: $15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia:
Semifinals: Julia Stamatova (Bul) bt Vaishnavi Addkar 6-4, 6-2.

Tavish clinches Asian under-14 title

AHMEDABAD: Second seed Tavish Pahwa beat top seed Shivtej Shirfule 7-5, 6-1 in the boys' final of the Asian under-14 tennis.
The results:
Boys (final): Tavish Pahwa bt Shivtej Shirfule 7-5, 6-1;
Semifnals: Shivtej bt Hruthik Katakam 3-6, 7-6(5), 6-3; Tavish bt Shardul Khawale 6-4, 6-2.
Doubles (final): Anurag Kallambella & Shivtej Shirfule bt Hruthik Katakam & Tavish Pahwa 6-1, 6-4.
Girls (final): Siyoen Sim (Kor) bt Emily Kim (Uzb) 6-1, 6-4;
Semifinals: Emily bt Jensi Kanabar 6-4, 6-3; Siyoen bt Keira Kim (Uzb) 6-3, 6-4. **Doubles (final):** Siyoen Sim (Kor) & Yan Rong Tzeng (Tpe) bt Emily Kim & Keira Kim (Uzb) 6-0, 6-3.

Three Indians in Asian team for European circuit

NEW DELHI: Three Indians – Maaya Rajeshwaran, Harithashree Venkatesh and Shivtej Shirfule – were selected in the Asian under-14 team for the European circuit as part of ITF Grand Slam Development Programme. The circuit will start with a three-day training camp in Paris from July 7. The players will then compete in five tournaments.

India finishes 11th

SHYMKENT (KAZAKHSTAN): India beat Indonesia 2-1 for the 11th place in the Asia-Oceania Junior Billie Jean King Cup under-16 girls tennis in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on Saturday. Japan beat the host 2-1 to emerge champion.
The results:
Play-off (11th place): India bt Indonesia 2-1 [Sejal Bhutada bt Laitaul Fajria 6-3, 6-0; Asmi Adkar bt Cylova Hukmasabiyya 6-4, 6-3; Sejal & Aakruti Sonkusare lost to Cylova & Anjali Junarto 4-6, 6-7(4)].

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Pankaj Advani beats Ashutosh Padhy

Pankaj Advani took out Ashutosh Padhy in the quarterfinal of the Bangalore Snooker Academy tournament.
The results:
Quarterfinals: I.H. Manudev bt Sean Davis 67-28, 17-64, 73-45, 40-56, 77-20, 77-30, 71-28; Laxman Rawat bt Brijesh Damani 50-48, 30-65, 111-16, 86-0, 14-73, 25-75, 64-54, 69-26; Sourav Kothari bt Kamal Chawla 84-18, 66-47, 61-54, 72-01, 0-114, 28-88, 77-21; Pankaj Advani bt Ashutosh Padhy 75-13, 88-16, 18-83, 55-65, 106-31, 77-14, 70-65.

Six-wkt. win for Six CA

Six Cricket Academy defeated Maverick Master Cricket Academy by six wickets in the Tiger Cup under-12 tournament here.
The scores:
Maverick Master CA 92 in 20.5 overs (Farhan Shaikh 4/7) lost to Six CA 94/4 in 12.5 overs (Shaurya Gowda 50); Gopalan 74/6 in 20 overs lost to Just CA 77 for no loss in 10.5 overs (Shreeharising Rajaput 35).

Greater Chennai City Police triumphs

Greater Chennai City Police defeated Guru HC 3-1 in the final to emerge as the 92nd Travancore Cup hockey tournament champion on Saturday. The top three teams received ₹30,000, ₹20,000 and ₹10,000 respectively.
The results: **(final)**:
Greater Chennai City Police 3 (Aravind Rajan 26, Kantha Guru 44, 48) bt Guru HC 1 (Dharmaveer 26); Third-place playoff: Bellary HC bt Bengaluru Blues HC 2-1.
Special prizes: **Best Goalkeeper**: Vignesh (Greater Chennai City Police); **Best Defender**: Deepak (Guru HC); **Best Midfielder**: M. Guna (Greater Chennai City Police); **Best Forward**: Ankit Goud (Guru HC); **Emerging Player**: Sundhar Raj (Rising Star HC); **Player-of-the-Tournament**: Bharath Kumar (Bellary HC).

Victorious: Greater Chennai City Police emerged the winner of the Travancore Cup. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Misaka United draws with East Bengal

Misaka United drew with East Bengal 1-1 in the Indian Women's League football in Ahmedabad. Lavanya Upadhyay opened the scoring for Misaka in the first-half injury time before Singo Murmu equalised in the 70th minute.

FC Bengaluru United edges past Delhi FC

Irfan Yadwad's 76th minute strike helped FC Bengaluru United edge Delhi FC 1-0 in the final round of the second Division I-League qualifiers at the Bangalore Football Stadium. FC Bengaluru United will next take on Ambernath United Atlanta FC on May 11 at the Cooperage in Mumbai.

Bindyarani wins women's 55kg silver

Sports Bureau

Bindyarani Devi aggregated 194kg to claim the women's 55kg silver at the Asian weightlifting championships in Jinju on Saturday.

Bindyarani lifted 83kg in her second snatch attempt and 111kg in her second clean and jerk effort to finish second behind Chinese Taipei's 18-year-old Chen Guan Ling, who took the top honour with a total of 204kg (snatch 90kg, clean and jerk 114kg).

Bindyarani , who had achieved her personal best of 116kg in clean and jerk and 202kg in total at the Birmingham CWG last year, tried 115kg in her final attempt, aiming to bag the No.1 position in clean and jerk but could not.

She was fourth in the first segment and second in the last.

Vietnam's Vo Thi Quynh Nhu (88kg, 104kg, 192kg) won the bronze.